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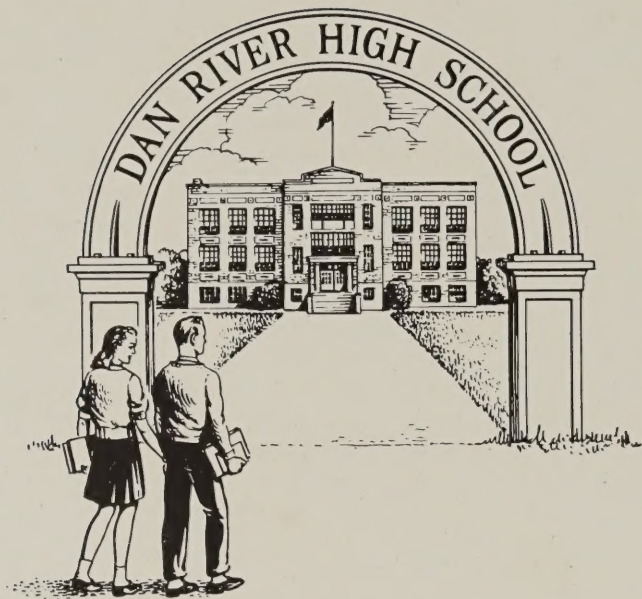
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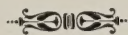


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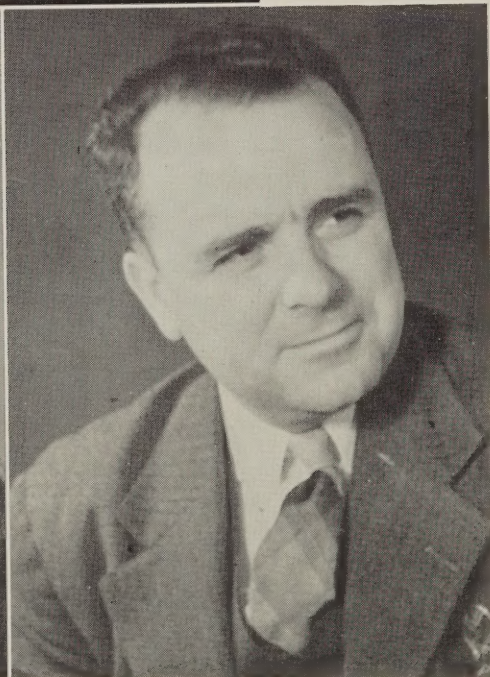
In selecting the theme for this, the second edition of *THE ARCHWAY*, we have felt that the Archway itself would be appropriate, inasmuch as it stands, not only as a welcome to the buildings of the Dan River High School, but also as a welcome to our school which as an institution invites the young people of this community to opportunities of knowledge and development, which will prepare them for their further adventures in life.

Each freshman class, upon coming to the school is not only impressed with the faculty and fellow-students, but also for the high ideals and standards for which Dan River High School has always stood. It is a great adventure to enter any high school; more so when entering Dan River High School for here friendships are formed, good habits are encouraged, and characters are modeled so that upon graduation the seniors may rightfully take their place in the community as capable, responsible and worthwhile Christian citizens.

THE ARCHWAY may also be symbolic of the entrance of the graduate into the further adventures of life, and meeting the problems and experiences that present themselves. The consuming desire of the faculty is that the students who leave Dan River High School may be adequately prepared to make successes of their lives, no matter what field of endeavor they may choose.

To the graduates of other years who have upheld the high traditions of our school, we, of the Senior Class, pledge ourselves to also hold aloft the light of our lives that others may be benefited by the lessons that we have learned, and the services that we have rendered, both here and elsewhere, in any future time.







DEDICATION

In this year of Our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and forty-seven, We the Staff, and Senior Class of Dan River High School.

To show our appreciation,
Wish to dedicate this, the second edition of

“THE ARCHWAY”

to

MR. JOSEPH F. WHITE
Principal

MRS. DEMA CHANDLER AND MR. HENRY W. STOUGH
Senior Sponsors



We feel that their influence on each of us has played a great part in our school life. Since the day of our entrance to the fast approaching day of graduation, we have all profited from their wisdom and guidance and have thoroughly enjoyed the quality of their friendship.

Under the direction of such a fine leader as our principal, we have learned to follow his leadership, to respect his wise decisions and to admire his patience and understanding. Since the bewilderment of our freshman days, he has often helped us in our many problems, and as we left his presence we admired his insight, sympathetic understanding and good humor.

Although Mrs. Dema Chandler has only been with us for one year, we have grown to love her for her fairness, loyalty, grace and charm. We consider it a happy privilege to count her as one of the three most dear to us.

Having been our counselor and advisor for the past four years, Mr. Stough has revealed to us his high ideals for broad Christian education and profound human understanding for which we are eternally grateful. From our experience in the class rooms and personal contacts with him we have come to know the true meaning of Christian friendship through his genuine interest and ready assistance.

We wish to show in this way our loving tribute to these three who have deserved and won our deepest love and respect.



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| Frances Allen | 97.32 |
| Rebecca East | 95.79 |
| Margaret Owen | 94.31 |
| Audrey Walker | 93.84 |

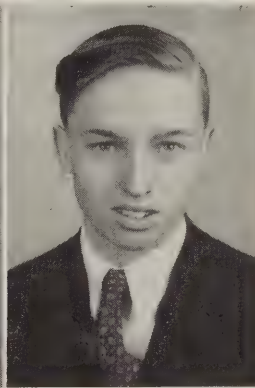




Frances Ann Allen

"He who is convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

Glee Club, 2, 3, 4.
Library Club, 2, 4.
Junior Play, 3.
S. C. A. Representative, 3.
Latin Club, 3.
Patrolman, 3.
Second Honor Student.



John Linwood Bennett

"John"

"The world knows nothing of its best men."

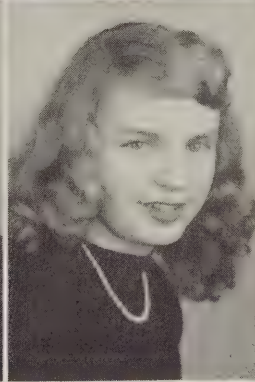
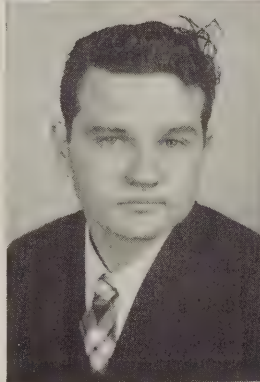
4-H Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.
F. F. A., 2, 3, 4.
Reporter, F. F. A., 4.
Junior Play, 3.
Circulation Mgr. School Paper, 3.

Joseph Aaron Arnold

"Joe Cephus".

"A sense of humor is a saving grace."

Junior Play, 3.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Joke Co-Editor, Annual, 4.



Elna Mae Bigger

"Bigger"

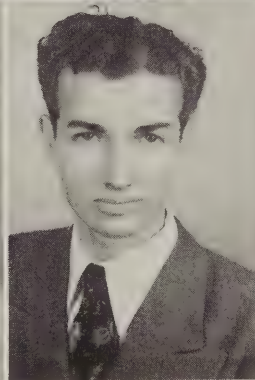
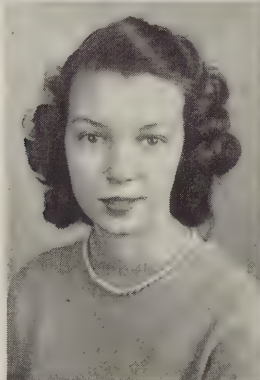
"And she has hair of golden hue."

Glee Club, 2, 3, 4.
Library Club, 2.
Song Leader, Home Room, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play, 3.
Latin Club, 3.

Elsie Mae Barber

"Elsie"

"Tis the mind that makes the body rich."



George S. Blackstock, Jr.

"Curly"

"He shakes his heavenly curls."

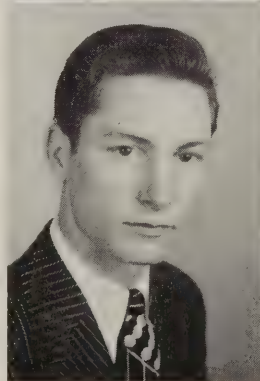
F. F. A., 2, 3.
Junior Play, 3.
State Guard, 2, 3, 4.

Charles R. Battermann

"Charlie"

"I'd rather be right than president."

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
4-H Club, 1, 2, 3, Pres. 3.
F. F. A., 1, 2.
Varsity Club, 2, 3, Sec.-Treas., 3.
Home Room Vice Pres., 1.
State Guard, 3.



Jackson W. Blankenship

"Jack"

"I am Sir Oracle; when I open my lips let no one speak."

Transferred from George Washington High School in Junior year.
Spanish Club, 4.
Vice-Pres. Spanish Club, 4.
Asst. Business Mgr. Annual, 4.
Glee Club, 4.

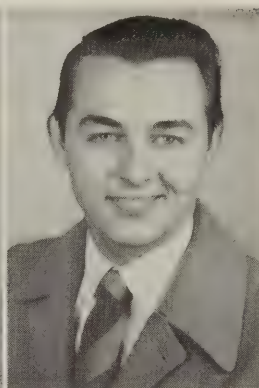
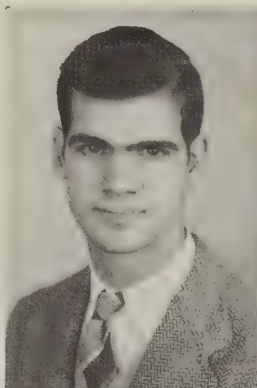


James Joseph Bohannon

"Bo"

"An affable and courteous gentleman."

F. F. A., 1, 2, 3.
Conductor, 2.
Executive Committee, 2.



Raleigh Scott Burgess, Jr.

"Junior"

*"Comb down his hair, look! look!
It stands upright."*

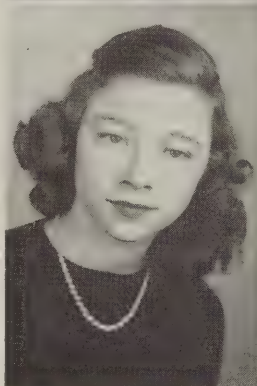
S. C. A., 1.
Glee Club, 1.
Home Room song leader, 2.

Gertrude Viola Booth

"Gertie"

"A good laugh is worth a hundred groans."

Library Club, 2, 3.
4-H Club, 2, 3, 4.
Latin Club, 3.



Eunice May Clardy

"Eunice"

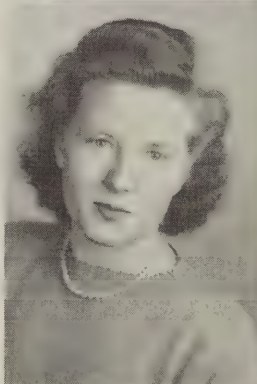
*"The world is better for every-
one who is living at their best."*

Gladys Jerrine Brown

"Joe"

"By diligence she wins her way."

Library Club, 2.
Patrolman, 3.
Glee Club, 2, 3, 4.
Latin Club, 3.
Junior Play, 3.
S. C. A. Representative, 2,
3, 4.
S. C. A. Chm. Program Com-
mittee, 4.
Spanish Club, 4.
First Honor Student.



Everett F. Clark, Jr.

"Guinea"

*"Oh books are such a bore, let's
be out of doors."*

Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Baseball Captain, 2, 3.
Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball Co-Captain, 3, 4.
Patrolman, 3.
Junior Play, 3.
UNITED STATES ARMY.
1945-'46.
Varsity Club, 3, 4.
Sports Co-editor, Annual, 4.

Carroll Luther Brown

"Carroll"

*"Why am I here? Just to lend
dignity to the Senior Class."*

Boy Scouts, 1, 2.



Nelson Clark

"Chubby"

*"His conduct still right, though
his argument wrong."*

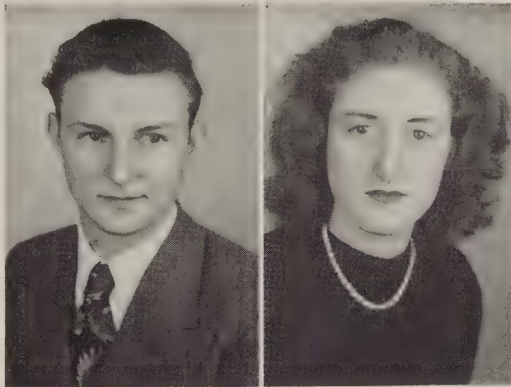
S. C. A. Representative, 4.



William Samuel Conner
"Billy"

"All great men are dead and I'm not feeling well."

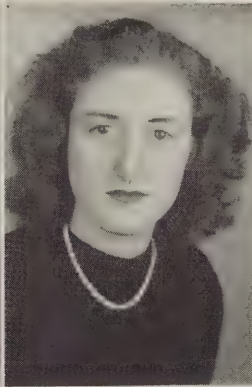
Junior Play, 3.
State Guard, 3, 4.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Spanish Club, 4.
Joke Co-Editor, Annual, 4



Evangeline Shirley Davis
"Shirley"

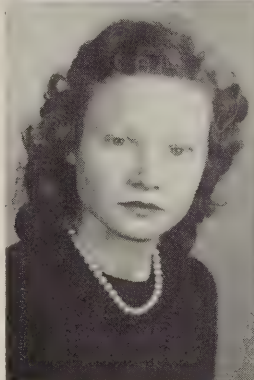
"I'll not budge an inch."

Basketball, 3, 4.
Letter Club, 4.
Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.
4-H Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play, 3.
Spanish Club, 4.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Patrolman, 3.



Lessie Pauline Dalton
"Pauline"

"Behavior is a mirror in which everyone shows his image."



Margaret Dawson
"Margaret"

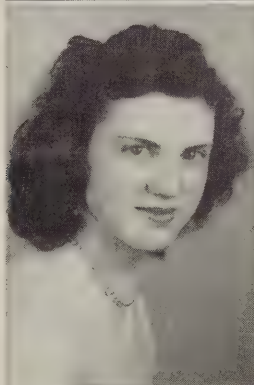
"Her voice is ever soft, gentle and low, an excellent thing in women."



Marion Earlene Dance
"Shug"

"As merry as the day is long."

S. C. A. Representative, 1.



Mamie Doris Dickerson
"Mamie"

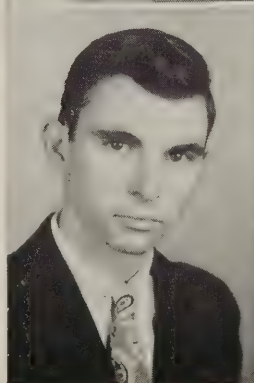
"Small in size but great in that which makes for character."

Dramatics Club, 3.
Spanish Club, 4.



Everette William Daniel
"Ev"

"A lion among ladies is a most dreadful thing."



Agnes Marie Dodd
"Lard"

"Better a blush in the face, than a blot in the heart."

Hon. Vice-pres. Danville Fair.
Spanish Club, 4.
Dramatics Club, 3.



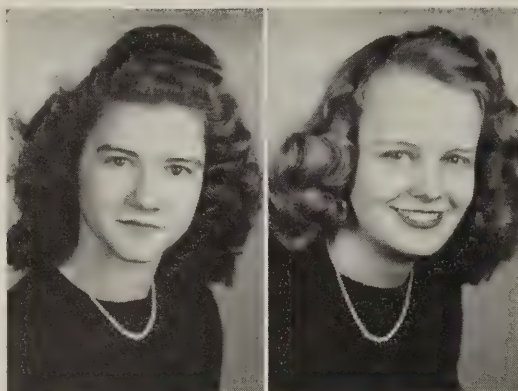


Mary Helen Dodson

"Puddin"

"True to her work and friends."

Junior Play, 3.



Rebecca Dorothy East

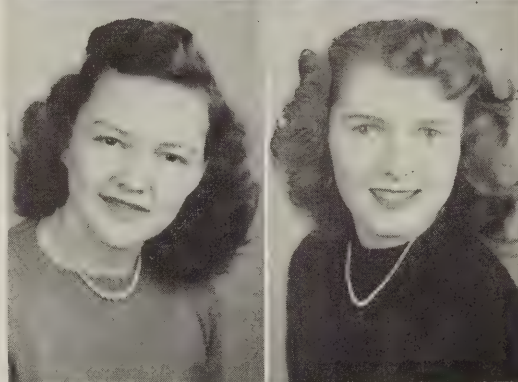
"Becky"

"Thou hast no faults, or no faults
that I can spy,

Thou art all beauty, or all blind-
ness I."

Class Secretary, 2; Treas-
urer, 4.

S. C. A. Secretary.
Home Economics Club, 4.
Third Honor Student

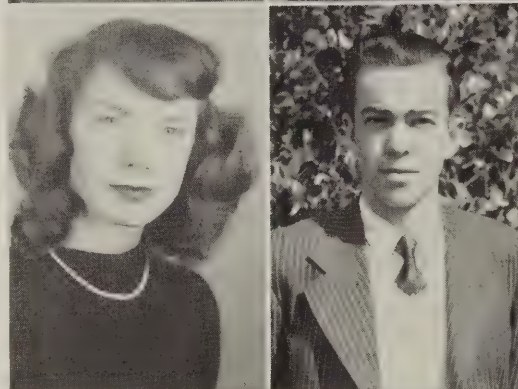


Carolyn Agnes Evans

"Cat"

"She goeth first where duty calls,
But ne'er forgets a kind word
for all."

Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
Reporter, 3.
Co-Captain, 4.
4-H Club, Vice-Pres. 1.
Junior Play, 3.
S. C. A. Chm.
Health Com., 4.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Spanish Club, Pres., 4.
Class Secretary, 4.
Literary Editor, Annual, 4.
Letter Club, 4.

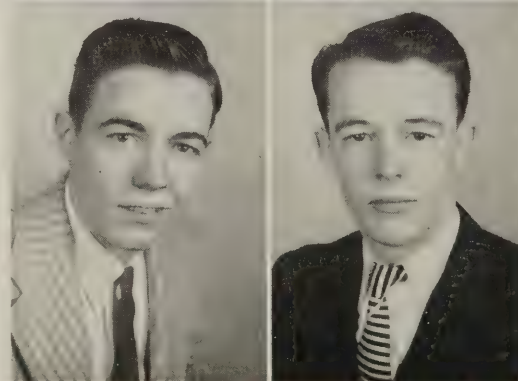


Gaston Rupert Gleaton, Jr.

"Boe"

"When my love swears that she
is made of truth,
I do beleive her, though I know
she lies."

Transferred from Arlington
High School, Arlington, Ga.
4.
Basketball, 4.
Varsity Club, 4.



Eleanor Dean Gosney

"Dizzy Dean"

"Roses are red, violets are blue,
But they don't get around like
the dandelions do."

Home Room Pres., 1.
Vice-Pres., 2.
4-H Club, 1.
Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Manager, 3.
Treasurer, 4.
Class Secretary, 3.
S. C. A. Representative, 3.
Reporter, 4.
Circulation Manager, An-
nual, 4.
Letter Club, 4.

Patsy Williams Gravely

"Patsy"

"Sometimes from her eyes I did
receive faint messages."

Dramatics Club, 3.

Landon D. Gravely

"Gravely"

"Stately and tall he moves."

S. C. A. Representative, 4.
F. F. A. Club, 1.

Thomas Henry Guill

"Guill"

"Be warned of my lot, which I
know you will not, and learn
about women from me."

F. F. A. Club, 1, 2.
4-H Club, 1, 2.
Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play, 3.
State Guard, 3.
S. C. A. Program Comm., 3.



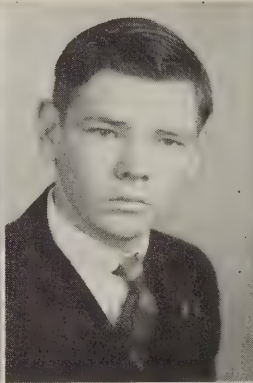
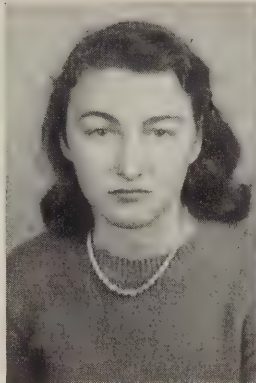
"Goldie" May Haley

"Goldie"

"Wise to resolve"

"Patient to perform."

4-H Club, 1.



Howard W. Haynes, Jr.

"Stub"

"I love wisdom more than she loves me."

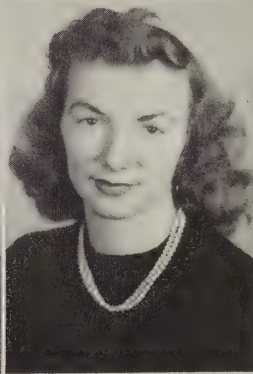
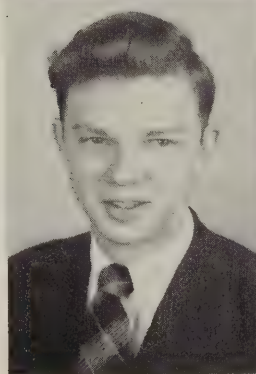
F. F. A., 1, 2, 3, 4.
4-H Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Latin Club, 3.
Spanish Club, 4.

Malcolm Ray Hall

"Pete"

*"Better be wise and look simple,
than look wise and be simple."*

Transferred from Canada in
the Junior Year.



Nancy Easley Hodnett

"Crab Apple"

*"O Romeo, Romeo! wherefore
art thou Romeo?"*

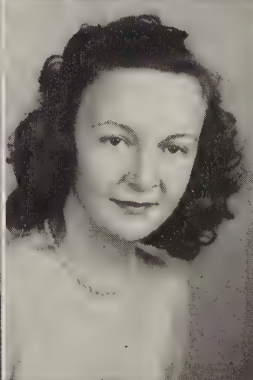
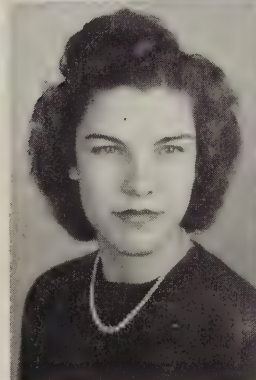
Patrolman, 1-3.
Chm. of Health Comm., S. C.
A., 2.
Glee Club, 2, 3, 4.
Library Club, 3.
Junior Play, 3.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Spanish Club, 4.

Ruby Elizabeth Hall

"Ruby"

*"A gentle hand may lead the ele-
phant with a hair."*

Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
Co-Captain, 2.
Letter Club, 4.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Patrolman, 3.
4-H Club, 1.
Sports Co-Editor, Annual, 4.



Mildred Mae Hughes

"Mildred"

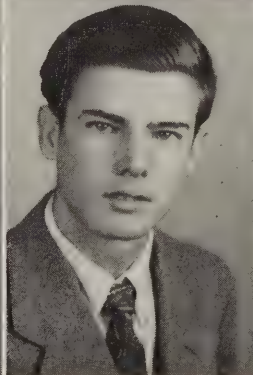
*"Her very frowns are fairer far
than smiles of other maidens
are."*

Josephine Carter Hankins

"Jo"

*"For she was jes' the quiet kind,
Whose nature never vary,
Like streams that keep a summer
mind,
Snow hid in January."*

Dramatics Club, 3.



Hartwell Martin Ingram

"Martin"

*"His friends, they are many,
His foes, has he any?"*

F. F. A., 1, 2, 3, 4.
4-H Club, 3, 4.
Latin Club, 3.

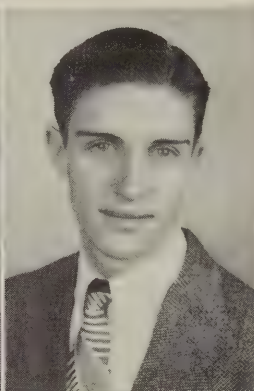


Laura Frances Ingram

"Frances"

"Silence is more eloquent than words."

Library Club, 1, 4.



Charles Henry Layne

"Layne"

"Enjoys any kind of a struggle; basketball in part and life in general."

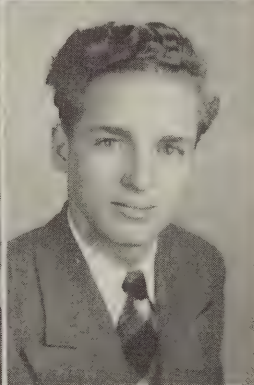
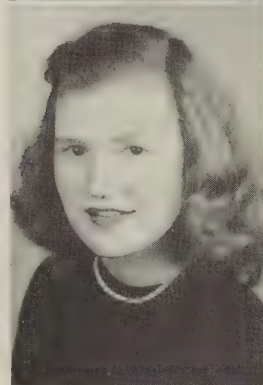
State Guard, 1, 2, 3, 4.
S. C. A. Representative, 2, 3.
Program Chm., 2.
Junior Play, 3.
Basketball, 4.
Varsity Club, 4.

Charlotte Marie Jones

"Jonsie"

"Quiet, yes, but still water runs deep."

Home Economics, 4.



Leroy Simmons Lewis

"Kilroy"

"I have a little shadow
That goes in and out with me."

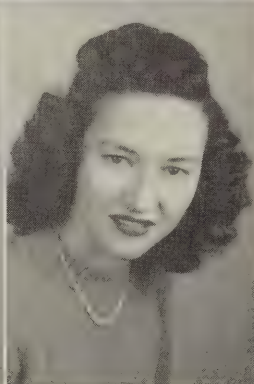
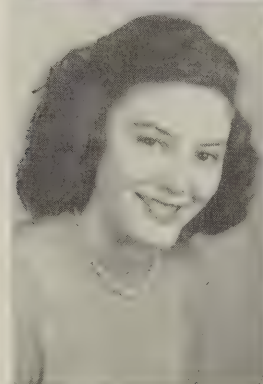
Transferred from George Washington High in the Junior Year.

F. F. A., 3.

Nancy Ann Jones

"Polly"

"Her tongue will not obey her heart, Nor can it inform her tongue."



Lorena Frances Lindsey

"Rene"

"When she passed it seemed like the ceasing of exquisite music."

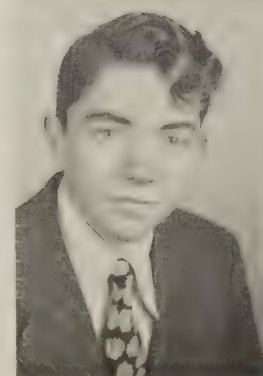
Glee Club, 2.
Junior Play, 3.
Dramatics Club, 3.

Triplett Baxter Keesce

"Shag"

"What I don't know doesn't bother me."

F. F. A., 1, 2, 3, 4.



Scott McNeely

"Scott"

"Don't you hear that whistle round the bend? It's Scott McNeely a-coming in."

F. F. A., 1, 2.



Ruby Mae Milam

"Ruby"

"Cleanliness may be defined to be the emblem of purity of mind."

4-H Club, 2.
S. C. A. Representative, 2.



Eunice Esther Motley

"Eunice"

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."

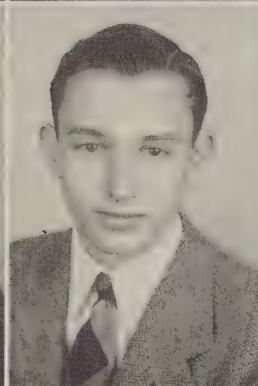
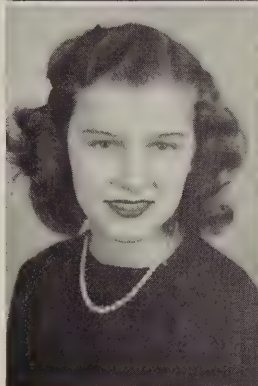
Junior Play, 3.
Glee Club, 3.

Ruth Lee Milam

"Ruth"

"Why can't thou talk? Hast thou no tongue?"

Library Club, 2, 3, 4.
4-H Club, 2, 3, 4.
Latin Club, 3.
Glee Club, 4.



Billy Lee Motley

"Billy"

"Deeper than did ever plummet sound, I'll drown my books."

F. F. A. Club, 1, 2, 3.
Treasurer, 3.
Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
Varsity Club, 3, 4.
S. C. A. Pres., 4.

Irene Carolyn Moore

"Rene"

"A good heart's worth gold."

4-H Club, 1, 2.
Library Club, 3.



Sara Ann Mylum

"Speed" "99"

"She is a maid of artless grace Gentle in form and fair of face."

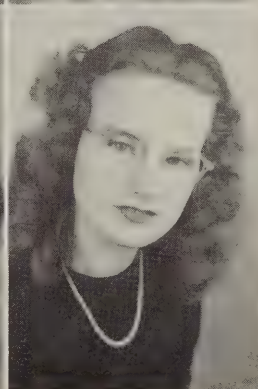
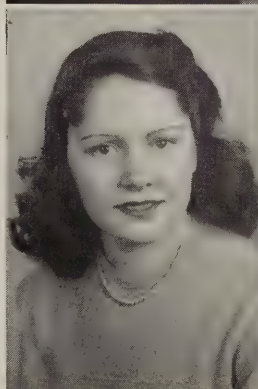
4-H Club, 1, 2; Sec. Homeroom, 1; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader, 1; Manager, 4; Secretary, 2, 3; County All-star Team, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club, 1, 2; Homeroom Song Leader, 1, 3, 4; Junior Play, 3; Dramatics Club, 3; S. C. A. Songleader, 2, 4; Letter Club, 4.

Lera Lane Morris

"Polly"

"There is something about her nice to look at; a touch of mischief, too."

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Captain, 2.
4-H Club, 1, 2.
Sec. and Treas. Home Room, 2.
Glee Club, 2, 3.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Letter Club, 4.
Office Club, 4.



Dorothy Lee Orrell

"Dot"

"A silent tongue and a true heart are the most admirable things on earth."

Junior Play, 3.
Spanish Club, 4.



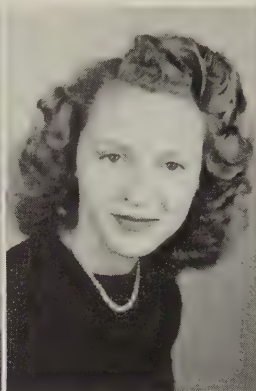
Margaret Arnn Owen

"Meg"

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness."

Transferred from Chatham High School in the Senior year.

Spanish Club, 4.



Margie Lee Rowland

"Margie"

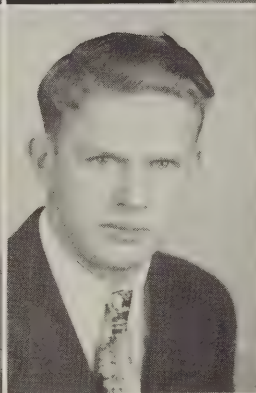
*"A sonnet to her tawny hair,
Her laughing eyes, her carefree air."*

Clyde Abner Puckett

"Clyde"

*"Night after night he sat and
bleared his eyes with books."*

F. F. A., 2, 3.



Harry Robertson Shelton

"Harry"

*"Plain without pomp and rich
without a show."*

F. F. A., 1, 2, 3, 4.

Reporter, 3.

Pres., 4.

V. P. I. Delegate from Dan-River, 3.

Hon. Vice-Pres. Danville Fair.

Thomas Elton Richardson

"Pete"

*"He plays to live, not lives to
play."*

F. F. A., 2, 3.



Naomi Ruth Slaughter

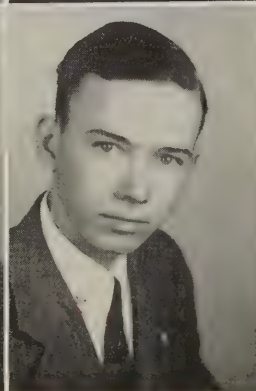
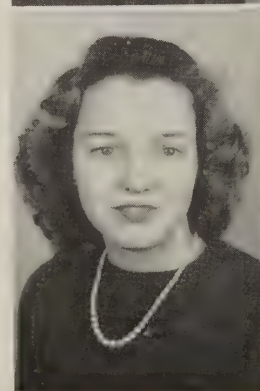
"Ruth"

*"Quiet talk she liketh best,
In a bower of gentle looks."*

Adelle Mac Roberts

"Lizzie"

*"She doth those little kindnesses
which many leave undone."*



Aubrey Rowland Slayton

"Aubrey"

*"True as the needle to the pole,
or as a dial to the sun."*

Patrolman, 1, 2.

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Glee Club, 4.

F. F. A., 4.

Vice-Pres. Senior Class 4.

Associate Editor, Annual, 4.

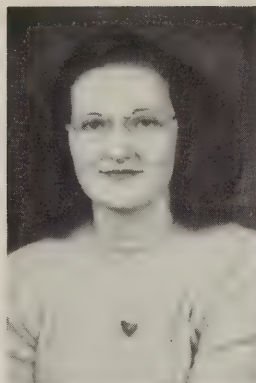


Mary Alice Smith

"Smitty"

*"She has an eye that could speak,
Though her tongue were silent."*

Home Room Song leader, 1.
Junior Play, 3.
Glee Club, 2, 3, 4.



Lois Chandler Walters

"Red"

*"Play up! Play up! and play the
game."*

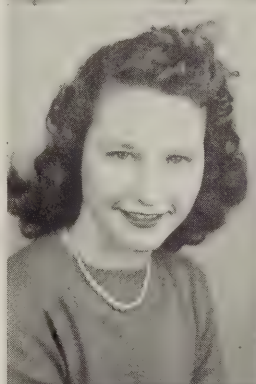
4-H Club, 1, 2.
Glee Club, 1, 2, 3.
Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Co-captain, 3, 4.
County All-star Team, 3.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Office Club, 4.
Letter Club, 4.

Joy Elizabeth Turner

"Zero"

*"What's the use of worrying and
a looking so sad,
Take trouble like 'twas pleasure
and just be glad."*

4-H Club, 1, 2.
Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Library Club, 1, 2.
Basketball, 2, 3, 4.
Cheerleader, 3.
Reporter, 4.
School Reporter, 3.
Junior Play, 3.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Letter Club, 4.



Faye Nunnelee Walton

"Jeepers"

*"Inquisitive people are the fun-
nels of conversation;
They do not take anything for
their own use, but merely to
pass it on to another."*

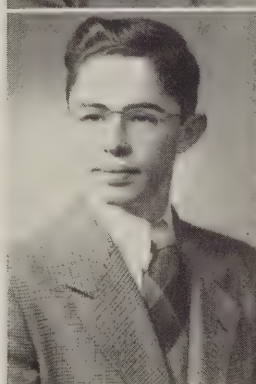
Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.
Library Club, 3, 4.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Junior Play, 3.

Melvin Calvin Vernon, Jr.

"Monkey"

*"Thanks to the Gods! Our boy
has done his duty!"*

F. F. A., 1, 2, 3, 4.
Vice-Pres., 2.
Pres., 3.
F. F. A. County Pres., 3.
Secretary, 4.
Class Pres., 3, 4.
4-H Club, 2-3. Reporter, 3.
County Representative, 3.
Hon. Vice-Pres. Danville
Fair, 2.
S. C. A., Vice-Pres., 3, 4.
Latin Club, 3.
Glee Club, 4.
Editor-in Chief, Annual, 4.



Nancy Elizabeth Walton

"Clem"

*"A clear glance and a sincere
mind."*

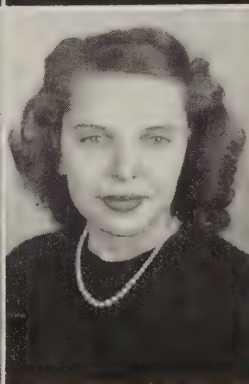
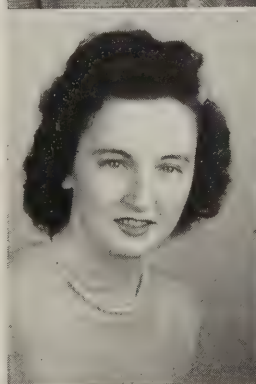
Dramatics Club, 3.
Library Club, 4.

Audrey Walker

"Audrey"

*"A girl as bright as any of you,
And she's a friend to all—true
blue."*

Library Club, 3.
Junior Play, 3.
Latin Club, 3.
Spanish Club, 4.
S. C. A. Recreational Chm.
Comm., 4.



Louise Frances Wiles

"Skipper"

*"Those who know her best do
praise her most."*

Class Treasurer, 2.
Library Club, 3.
Dramatics Club, 3.
Glee Club, 3, 4.
Junior Play, 3.



Floyd Wendell Williams

"Wendell"

*"A little nonsense now and then,
Is relished by the best of men."*



4-H Club, 1, 2, 3, 4.
F. F. A., 2, 3, 4.
F. F. A. Secretary, 4.
Degree Team, 3, 4.
Junior Play, 3.



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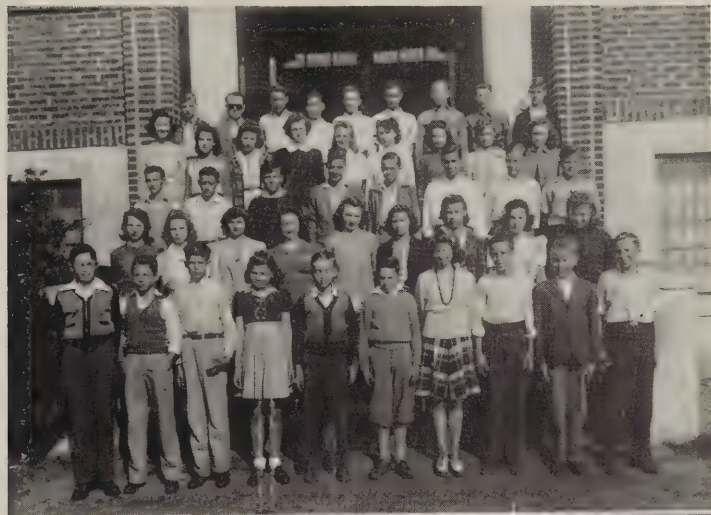
Front Row: Pauline Watkins, Nancy Walton, Beatrice Kidd, Feral Green,
Nancy Hodnett, Agnes Dodd, Goldie Haley.

Second Row: Lois Moore, Thomasene Milam, John Collie, Jr., George High, Ray Vernon,
Albert Dodson, Wendell Williams, Raymond Moore, Howard Dodd, Reba Bennett.

Third Row: James Bohannon, Ruth Slaughter, Carl Lewis, Joy Turner, Preston Tate,
Louise Wiles, Clyde Kent, Faye Walton, George Blackstock, Sara Mylum, William
Dodson.

Fourth Row: Billy Motley, Tom McCormick, Nathaniel Cox, Blair Clark, Eleanor Gosney,
Ruth Milam, Willard Clark, William Yeatts, Norman Roberts, John Bennett, Miss Lily
Garnet Ford (now Mrs. F. W. Terry).

Fifth Row: Ramona Carr, Carolyn Evans, Ida Meadows, Edward Eanes,
. Ruby Hall, Jerrine Brown, Ann Fowlkes, Margie Rowland.



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Senior Class History

At the peal of the nine o'clock bell on the morning of September 7, 1943, Dan River High School was the victim of a great tragedy as Freshmen scrambled in from everywhere, coming from Glenwood, Keeling, Laurel Grove, Blairs, Sutherlin, Ringgold, and everywhere, even Mountain Hill! One-Hundred and three of us! Boy! Were we a loud bunch! We just knew that we were the very ones that Dan River had always needed to make it a great place. We had no time to waste on those drips, the Seniors!

All good things must end, they say, and did our pleasant illusion end when we were initiated? Did those "drips" give us a workover! The girls were forced to wear their hair in pigtails, and no makeup! The boys took over the "paint" job that day, wearing the lipstick, etc.; we were being whittled down to size. Moreover, we had to salute upperclassmen with a toothbrush suspended from our necks, and the crowning insult was that we had to fall prostrate on the ground at the cry of "Air Raid!" We pretended that we were humiliated, and that our pride was hurt, but secretly we enjoyed it more than the Seniors did!

Being so numerous, we were assigned to three home rooms, in charge of Miss Jane Carter, Mr. George Euting, and Mr. Stough. Each room selected their own officers, and then our sponsors began the process of civilizing us. About January we began to realize that exams were upon us, and that after all we were supposed to get an education. Many of us tried to get Frances, Jerrine or Audrey to get us ready; anyway more passed than didn't. Mr. White began coaching the boys' basketball squad while Miss Alma Ricketts started on the girls. Sara and Lois made the squad; the former's speed placed her on the team, and "Speed" became her nickname, the latter's excellent guarding started her to become one of the best that our school has ever had.

In the fall of '44 we came back after a short summer vacation, a little older, a little louder, and with a brand-new name, Sophomores! We tried it out for size, and decided that we liked it. We jammed into two homerooms, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Rawley Bennett, and Mr. Stough, and as we understood each other better we had a better start. Ah! yes, we remember those Sophomore days—never a dull moment, even with the essays we had to write. Elna said that she thought Mr. Stough ought to be the best educated teacher we had for, "look at all those essays of ours he's read."

For officers we selected Ryland Dodd and Patsy Gravely, presidents; Jerrine Brown and Eleanor Gosney, vice-presidents; Rebecca East and Ruth Slaughter, secretaries; Thomas Marshall and Louise Wiles, treasurers. We also found out that Glenwood wasn't such a bad place; that Keeling was more than a spot on the map, and even Blairs had some good points. Jerrine and Frances were making THE school grades, Mary, Eunice and others captivated the boys, Joe and Billy Conner supplied the comedy, Dorothy and Rebecca added the dignity, while Layne, Dodd, and Clark joined the State Guard. Batterman, Motley, Guill and Clark represented us in athletics, while Sara, Lois, Joy, Ruby, Shirley, Eleanor and Carolyn were making the girls' basketball team. That year our girls' team divided championship honors with Renan. In the spring Mr. Stough gave a party for us, with loads of fun and fellowship, and our second year closed with stronger ties of friendship.

In our Junior year we elected Melvin Vernon, president; Carolyn Evans, vice-president; Eleanor Gosney, secretary; and Rebecca East,



treasurer. Our homerooms were ably sponsored by Miss Louise Bennett and Mr. Stough, who led us in our school traditions and duties, as we assumed the responsibilities of Juniors. Highlights of the year were the Junior Play and Junior-Senior Banquet. Because of the size of our class (the largest in Dan River's History), we had three one-act plays, "Sauce for the Gosling," "Let It Go At That," and "The Highest Bidder Gets The Date." The variety of these plays showed our versatility; the first one a comedy-drama, the second a mystery-thriller and the third a farce. For these plays we built the first scenery for the school stage, complete with wings, background and drops as well as side flood-lights and other effects.

The banquet that we tendered to the Seniors was the largest ever, which filled the Hotel Danville dining room to overflowing. Program booklets with songs, yells and activities printed therein, as well as unusual talent combined to make it most entertaining, and the semi-formal event was a great success. Rebecca East was selected as Queen of the Senior Class, graciously receiving the honors from the former queen, Patsy Motley. Being the Junior Class, we assisted the Seniors at the Commencement services, forming a living archway all around the Auditorium under which the Seniors marched to their graduation exercises.

Seventy-three of us became Seniors as we began our fourth year at the Red Castle and my! how we were bursting with dignity! Imagine us, who only a short while ago considered all seniors "drips"; now we are the "drips"; sorry, we mean Seniors.

We started our class work by electing Melvin Vernon, president; Aubrey Slayton, vice-president (who had returned to school from the U. S. Navy), Carolyn Evans, secretary; and Rebecca East, treasurer. By the way, we'll not forget our president's beautiful rendition of "Short-nin Bread", at an Assembly Program.

Our two homerooms had as sponsors Mrs. Joel Chandler and Mr. Stough; yes! Mr. Stough is still "toughing it out", and even Mr. White has been able to put up with us. This year is proving most eventful as we close up our remaining days, which we now realize to be the best years of our lives. The presentation of *THE ARCHWAY*, the Senior Play and finally Commencement, and then, "Goodby" to our high school days. The capable annual staff has worked long and hard, with the capable help of our sponsors, and we shall cherish forever the results of their efforts. The Senior Play was "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," ably presented by our talented cast to a large crowd. Unusual features were the stage effects and the improvement of the scenery.

Seniors comprise the majority of both basketball teams. Batterman, Gleaton, Clark, Guill, Motley, and Layne are the veterans who play most of the games, while on the girls' team the Seniors provide the talent which made them champions last year, and this year, too, with Mylum, Walters, Turner, Hall, Davis, Gosney, Morris and Evans providing the Championship "know-how." The Seniors are leaving an electric scoreboard to the school as a parting gift, and one greatly needed to go with the new bleachers.

There's only a little while to go; we clowned around a lot, but we've gained countless valuable lessons from our days here. Mr. Stough and Mr. White have stood by us during all these four years helping us, advising us, scolding us, more important than these, just being our friends. Nor will we forget the other sponsors who came in at different times guiding and helping us. As we say "Goodby" to Dan River, we leave behind a trail of happy memories and well-spent days.

Carolyn Evans



Last Will and Testament

We, the Senior Class of 1947 of Dan River High School, knowing that the time is nigh when all good things must come to an end, and at last being in a sound state of mind, do hereby make our last will and testament:

We, Joe Arnold and Billy Conner wish to leave our splendid attention in class and the "I-dare-you-to-laugh" jokes to Calvin Neal and Billy Murphy.

I, John Bennett, leave my political interests and agricultural records to Jay Hall.

To Beatrice Kidd, I, Frances Allen leave my love for ex-G.I.'s.

I, Elna Bigger, having given headaches to all the teachers, leave this spirit of generosity to my sister Virginia.

I, George Blackstock leave my heavenly curls to Brantley Batterman.

I, James Bohannon, leave my eagerness to respond in class to Lacy Compton.

I, Jerrine Brown, leave my love for cold storage and refrigeration to any ice cube.

I, Eunice Clardy, leave my lucky streak in prize winning to Reba Slayton.

I, Martin Ingram, leave my literary efforts to Robert Miller.

I, Shirley Davis, leave my athletic ability to Bonnie McNichols.

We, Earlene Dance and Pauline Dalton leave our domestic ideas to Donna Davis and Garland Meadows.

I, Charles Batterman, leave a writing pad for Mr. White on which to write announcements.

I, Jack Blankenship, leave to Eldridge Compton my "Frank Swoonatra" voice.

I, Junior Burgess, leave my comb and mirror to Samuel Clark.

I, Nelson Clark, leave my friendly manner to Albert Dodson.

I, Everett Daniel, leave my teasing disposition to Jimmy Kent.

We, Agnes Dodd and Mamie Dickerson, each leave a pair of dungarees to Delores Clark and Katherine Greene.

I, Elsie Barber, leave my love for hill-"Billies" to Marjorie Covington.

I, "Guinea" Clark, leave my "Li'l-Abner" figure to C. T. Turner.

We, Margaret Dawson and Margaret Owen leave our humility to Barbara Ingram and Ivaline Bowman.

We, Mary Helen Dodson and Ruby Milam leave our interests in Roberts to Rebecca Cumby.

We, Rebecca East and Charlotte Jones, just leave and are glad to do so.

I, Carolyn Evans leave my popularity and friendliness to Marian Guill.

I, Ruby Hall, leave my enthusiasm for basketball to Hazel Wilkinson.

I, Eleanor Gosney, leave my love for school bus drivers to Martha Gleaton.

I, Patsy Gravely, leave my well-fitted wardrobe to Claire Adams.

I, Lorena Lindsey, leave my sophistication to Jeanette Richardson.

I, Howard Haymes, leave nothing as I don't believe that there is anything that I can spare.

I, Eunice Motley, leave my "Mae West" figure to Mary Ann Milam.

We, Goldie Haley and Josephine Hankins, leave our winning smiles to Gracie Staton and Arlene Gilbert.

I, Polly Jones, leave my love for Ringgold Dairy to Georgia Moore.

I, Landon Gravely, leave my chauffeur's license to John Collie, Jr.

We, Charles Layne and Baxter Keese, leave our love for girls and History IV to Clyde Tate and Billy Shelton.



I, Pete Hall, leave my "flirty eyes" and "dancing feet" to Martin Ellis.

I, Gertrude Booth, leave my baby ways to Ruth Rice.

I, Ruth Milam, leave my library position and fashion magazines to Nell Hammock.

I, Thomas Guill, leave my love for girls, especially those who play basketball, to Wallace Compton.

I, Leroy Lewis, leave my position as "soda jerk" to Bobby Wills.

I, Scott McNeely, leave my booming laugh and peculiar noises to William Clark.

I, Billy Motley, leave my "classy" basketball style to Irvin Puckett.

We, Sara Mylum and Joy Turner, leave our friendliness to boys, including our flirting technique to Peggy Dalton and Barbara Shields.

I, Clyde Puckett, leave my new version of Macbeth to the English IV teachers in the future years.

I, Dorothy Orrell, leave my liking for special privileges to Edith Doolin.

I, Nancy Hodnett, leave my love for drug stores to anyone who wishes it.

I, Mildred Hughes, leave a new pair of curtains to the Home Economics cottage.

I, Elton Richardson, leave my perfect posture and Samson-shoulders to Billy Milam.

I, Harry Shelton, leave my knowledge of natural sciences to any other poor "fish".

I, Frances Ingram, leave my ability to get along well with teachers, and to sew a straight seam, to Evelyn Wells.

I, Margie Rowland, leave my natural golden curls to anyone who will keep them out of the rain.

I, Gaston Gleaton, have already left some beautiful Georgia "peaches", and hate to leave the girls in Dan River, too.

I, Polly Morris, leave my way of understanding jokes to Juanita Wilkerson.

I, Aubrey Slayton, leave my quiet dignity and courteous manner to William Dodson.

I, Ruth Slaughter, leave my ability to mind my own business, to Rachel Barker.

I, Irene Moore leave ten pounds of my figure to Carolyn Barker.

I, Melvin Vernon, leave my executive powers to anyone desiring to get out of classes.

We, Nancy Walton and Faye Walton, leave nothing but memories. We are taking everything else back with us to Rock Springs.

I, Carroll Brown, leave my "tall, dark and handsome" looks to Gene Thompson.

I, Mary Smith, leave my amazing sense of humor and blank expressions to Peggy Smith.

I, Adelle Roberts, leave my likeness as the typical schoolgirl, to Nell Lewis.

I, Audrey Walker, leave my interest in Chevrolet cars to Thelma Hughes.

I, Wendell Williams, leave my knowledge of electromagnets to Mr. Barker.

I, Lois Walters, leave my red curls and slender figure to Dorothy Grubbs.

I, Louise Wiles, leave my charm and poise to Melba Thornton.

To the on-coming seniors, we of '47 leave hopes for a hospital in which they may recuperate after ten years of hard work.

All of the students of the Senior Class wish to leave to the school and the entire student body an escalator which would carry their tired bodies and underworked minds, and stacks of books to the uppermost classes.

To the faculty, we leave our utmost appreciation for their guidance, helpfulness and companionship for the past four years.

The Class of 1947

Testators:

Jerrine Brown

Audrey Walker.



Class Prophecy

A Reunion Party was being given for the Class of 1947 and everyone was excited over meeting old friends again, and to know what had befallen them, and what they were now doing after several years' absence from our Alma Mater. Mrs. Chandler and Mr. Stough, our Senior Sponsors were hostess and host for the party. Mrs. Chandler is keeping house, while Mr. Stough is still preaching and teaching in his churches.

As I entered the room, Elna Bigger was seated at the piano softly playing, while walking hand in hand were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lewis, nee' Nancy Hodnett. Stepping out for a moment for fresh air, having come from a stuffy ballroom, I saw a rather reckless driver coming into the driveway. I recognized Shirley Davis at once, now a cab driver, and Mary Smith who was trying to recuperate from a broken heart. As we returned to the room, we recognized a rather mannish figure who was imitating Bing Crosby, and I realized that it was Raleigh Burgess, Jr. A mourn was heard and out cold was Mary Smith! Ruth Milam, now a nurse, rushed out to help her. She came to, and joined a group huddled in a corner. Wondering what was happening, I walked over to find Joseph Arnold and William Conner, now comedians at last, as the center of attraction. No more needed to be said as I knew what was going on.

My eyes were caught by a couple sitting rather close together. When I walked up Carolyn Evans and Jack Blankenship replied that they were making future plans. Both are still attending college. The band began to play and each group broke up and started dancing. Within a short time the floor was taken by Eunice Motley, now a dancing teacher and Malcolm Hall, her partner, the owner of a dancing school. As they continued a red-head crosses the room. "Yes, Pauline Dalton is in the shoe business now."

The band plays on and as I pass three boys, I hear baseball being mentioned. I stop to say "Hello" when I recognize Thomas Guill, Billy Motley and Charles Batterman, now with the Brooklyn "Dodgers". Two girls passed by with an unusual hair-do. Mary Helen Dodson and Polly Morris are beauty specialists in Richmond, and they have competition as George Blackstock runs a "Beauty Shoppe."

Carroll Brown enters the room and as he passes by Agnes Dodd and Mamie Dickerson remarks, "He's much too good looking to still be single and teaching school." Agnes and Mamie have settled down as old maids after extensive travel about the Americas. I rushed off to greet Ruby Hall who is late. Her only explanation was that having four children to put to bed delayed her a little. Eleanor Gosney has settled down to secretarial work. (Watch those good-looking bosses, Eleanor!) Lorena Lindsey is a famous artist in New York and Nancy Ann Jones is a telephone operator.

I was amazed to know that so many old students were still connected with Dan River. Everette Clark, Jr. is a proprietor of Ringgold Dairy



and still supplies milk for the cafeteria. Wendell Williams is now the Agricultural Teacher, Joy Turner teaches Physical Education, Jerrine Brown teaches Spanish and Mathematics, Audrey Walker is the librarian and Landon Gravely and Nelson Clark are still driving buses!

Anxious voices were heard so I went over to find Melvin Vernon, now a comedian at the Strand Theatre in New York, entertaining a group with his inimitable southern drawl. Different ones inquired about old school mates that were absent. Dorothy Orrell is a missionary in China; Everett Daniel, Charles Layne and Elton Richardson are in service, and Gaston Gleaton has gone home to Georgia. ("Could it be for one of these Georgia peaches?")

Seeing three boys laughing, I walked over to find Baxter Keesee and Harry Shelton telling about their store at Keeling where James Bohannon takes care of branch stores. Fay Walton is an actress in California, and Lois Walters is a model in New York. Rebecca East is a dietician in a Chicago hospital where Aubrey Slayton is a doctor, but Charlotte Jones, Elsie Barber and Frances Allen's dreams have come true as they are happily married.

Much to my surprise, Nancy Walton, Louise Wiles, Margaret Owen, Margie Rowland and Ruth Slaughter have governmental positions in Washington. Irene Moore is happily married to a farmer near Ringgold. Scott McNeely is also living on a farm near the railroad, and has a gay time raising chickens.

Adelle Roberts and Gertrude Booth own a "Drive-Inn" in Texas where things are big, and wide (and handsome!).

Noticing a conversation between four boys getting rather loud, I went over to find Howard Haymes and Martin Ingram arguing with John Bennett and Cody Chaney that running a store is much easier than farming. I didn't take either side, but walked over to see seven girls that were talking. Earlene Dance and Mildred Hughes told of their ice cream parlor; Frances Ingram butted in by telling of her experience as a Home Economics teacher; Eunice Clardy said that she was satisfied in being a stenographer; Goldie Haley said nothing but we knew that she was a department manager at Belks' now. Josephine Hankins spoke up and said she'd take housekeeping anytime. Margaret Dawson just flashed a diamond and said that she was just waiting for the question.

I was asked how I liked my job. My reply was "Fine, as I've always liked to sing and even like it better having my all-girls orchestra to back me, especially when two of my old classmates, Ruby Milam and Patsy Gravely play in it." The glorious reunion continued till the wee small hours, finally breaking up; as each departed they expressed their joy at living again in the land of happy memories.

Sara Mylum



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CAROLYN EVANS
Most Popular



MELVIN VERNON
Most Popular

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EVERETT CLARK
Most Athletic



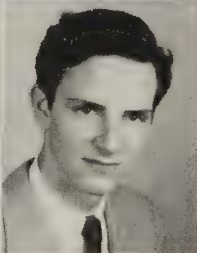
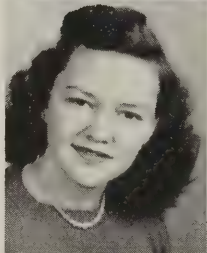
RUBY HALL
Most Athletic

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REBECCA EAST
*Best All-Around
Class Queen*



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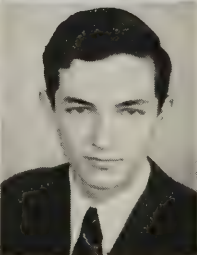


NANCY HODNETT
Funniest

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ELEANOR GOSNEY
Most Likely To Succeed



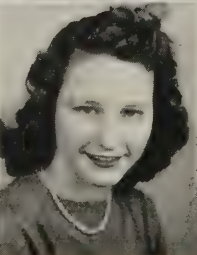
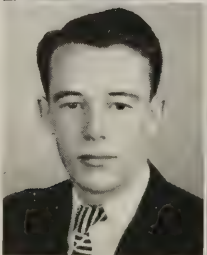
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Best Looking*

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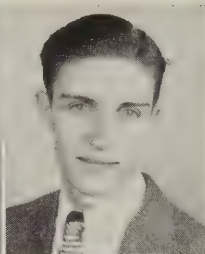
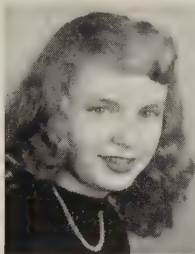
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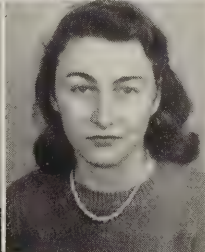
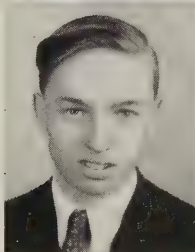


CHARLES LAYNE

Loudest

JOHN BENNETT

Quietest



GOLDIE HALEY

Quietest

JERRINE BROWN

Most Studious

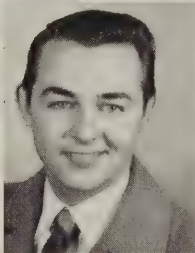


HARRY SHELTON

Most Studious

RALEIGH BURGESS

Most Conceited

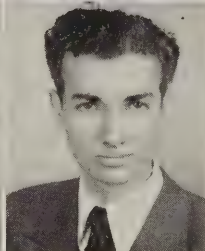


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Most Conceited

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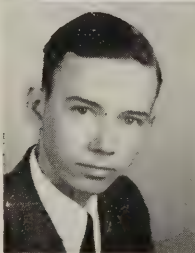


GEORGE BLACKSTOCK

Biggest Sissy

AUBREY SLAYTON

Most Polite



MAMIE DICKERSON

Sweetest



The Challenge

(Class Song; Tune: "Alma Mater")

Now that schooldays all are ended,
And our fate the world now holds,
We must bid adieu, our schoolmates,
And the mem'ries bright as gold.
All the hours we spent together,
We will cherish in our hearts—
Then farewell, dear Dan River High,
Where we had made our start.

As we view our golden rule days,
With the trials and tests we've met;
Combining books and pleasures,
Their good humor ne'er forget.
So whene'er we meet the challenge,
We will upward strive to climb,
While thinking of our motto,
"Do our best at all the time."

—Jerrine Brown and Audrey Walker.

Rainbows of '47

(Class Poem)

How often have we seen a 'bow,
And longed to reach it's end,
To find the pot of gold 'twas there,
Returning home again.

When Juniors, Seniors we would be
So high school days would end,
But like our trip to rainbow's wealth,
We find our troubles then.

We oft have wished for our rewards,
We studied hard at night,
But as we say "good-bye" and part,
New rainbows are in sight.

Each one of us as rainbows, dear,
We carry in our minds;
And may we meet again, our friends,
In some near future time.

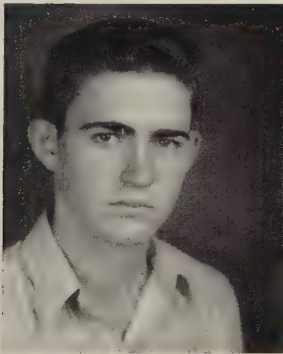
We think of future rainbows, then,
The class of forty-seven;
May rainbows of our lives so shine,
As glorious ones in heaven.

—Sara Mylum.





JUNIORS



Donald Barbour
President



Mildred Eaton
Vice-President



Gene Thompson
Secretary



Barbara Shields
Treasurer





Wade Alderson, Jr., Donald Barbour, Rachel Barker, Doris Bennett, Nancy Bennett.
Dorothy Burgess, Cody Chaney, Delma Chaney, Samuel Clark, John Collie, Jr.
Rebecca Cumby, Peggy Dalton, Albert Dodson, Betty Dodson, Edith Doolin.
Mildred Eaton, Martha Gleaton, Richard Haley, Nell Hammock, Ruth Hawker.
Willard Jones, Beatrice Kidd, Roy Maitland, Preston Marshall, Bonnie McNichols.





Garland Meadows, Mary Ann Milam, Lois Moore, Carroll Motley, Billy Murphy.
 Calvin Neal, Irvin Puckett, Harry Rodden, Mable Saunders, Barbara Shields.
 James Slayton, Reba Slayton, Lillie Ann Tanksley, Clara Tate, Clyde Tate .
 Franklin Terry, Gené Thompson, C. T. Turner, Pauline Watkins, Evelyn Wells.
 Juanita Wilkerson, Lois Woodson, Shirley Wyrick.

Not Pictured: Harvey Blankenship.





Junior Class History

With the banging of doors and creaking of steps, seventy-five greenhorns rushed into the Old Red Castle in the fall of 1944, thus beginning their four mysterious years of high school. After the groaning of the walls, throwing of erasers and chalk, and general confusion, we all managed to find a seat in the rooms of our sponsors, Mrs. C. E. Angel and Miss Juliet White. Under what seemed to be high voltage, our freshman year began. Our first and greatest duty was to learn and abide by the school rules.

After electing class officers we began to tremble at the hints of freshman initiation by the Seniors under the direction of Miss Alma Ricketts. Frightened by threats we were led to the Home Economics Cottage where a weiner roast and prize-winning contests were given in our honor. Overpowered by this pleasant surprise we proceeded to show our appreciation by winning them all and vowing that the seniors were our friends.

Final examinations proved that most of us walked calmly through the gate which made us Sophomores. After weeping a few buckets of tears, and with some good help by our sponsors, nearly all of the rest of our classmates joined us. This year there were about fifty of us growing into young ladies and gentlemen under the supervision of Mrs. C. E. Angel who followed us up and whom we had grown to love.

The first event was the election of our class officers who were: Juanita Wilkerson, president; Dudley Brown, vice-president; Doris Bennett, secretary; James Slayton, treasurer; Roy Maitland, reporter; Mildred Eaton and Clyde Tate, S. C. A. Representatives. Under the direction of Mrs. Angel we added a considerable amount of profit to our class treasury by winning several contests.

Finally reaching the stage where the student body began to show us some recognition we became active Juniors. During this year much was to be fulfilled by us, including the presentation of the successful play, "The Stranger Passes", which was such a hit that we were able to give the Seniors a suitable and enjoyable banquet. Under Mr. Barker, our sponsor, we elected the following officers: Donald Barbour, president; Mildred Eaton, vice-president; Gene Thompson, secretary; Barbara Shields, treasurer; Roy Maitland, reporter; Mildred Eaton and Clyde Tate, S. C. A. Representatives. Assisting in the Commencement exercises this spring will fill our hearts with ambition and determination to make our Senior year the best one ever in the history of our remarkable class.



TEACHERS ARE HUMAN

Teachers are human—or so they say—
But I can't see it that way.
They might look human now and then,
But teachers and humans just couldn't be kin.
Teachers just fuss from morning till night
And never admit that they're not right,
They give you more homework than you can do,
And if it's not done, they always stew.
They all give tests on the same day.
And then they fuss if you're away.
They might be human—I don't know—
But they never impressed me as being so.

Rebecca Cumby, '48.

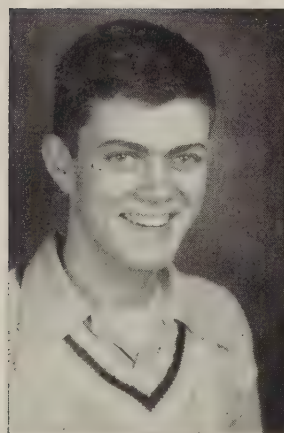
POET'S CORNER

*In she came,
Down she sot,
Laid an egg,
Up she got.*

Roy Maitland



SOPHOMORES



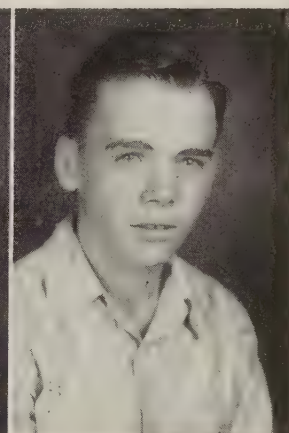
Frank Shelton
President



Nancy Brandon
Vice-President



Reba Bennett
Secretary



Maynard Ferguson
Treasurer





Jacqueline Aaron, Leon Bailey, Carolyn Barker, Betty Batterman, Nellie Belcher, Reba Bennett.

Ivaline Bowman, Nancy Brandon, Donald Brown, Cecil Carter, Morris Chaney, Blair Clark, Wallace Compton, Marjorie Covington, Luther Dalton, Jr., Pauline Davis, Ryland Dodson, Doyle Eanes.

Martin Ellis, Rosa Mae Farmer, Maynard Ferguson, Billy Gravett, Horace Guill, Marion Guill.

Ray Hall, Edith Hammock, Estelle Hankins, Eunice Henderson, Nancy High, Dorothy Hill.



Herbert Hodnett, Louise Hughes, Mae Ingram, Erskine Jones, Billie Kendrick, Foster Kidd.

Elsie Lewis, Nell Lewis, Geno Lynch, Lorraine Marshall, Samuel McCormick, Billy Milam. Georgia Moore, Edward Morris, Hazel Peek, Ruth Rice, Jeanette Richardson, Troy Richardson.

Rudy Rossman, Doris Rowland, Gene Russell, Billy Shelton, Frank Shelton, Betty Simmons.

Melba Thornton, Yvonne Vaden, Thomas Walters, Clyde Walters, Helen Weatherford, Hazel Wilkerson.

Pictures Missing: Edwin Barker, William Dodson, Tommie Loftis, Barbara Ingram.



Sophomore Class History

"Man, O Man! Where do we go next?" This was the cry that echoed through the halls of old Dan River High School on September 9th, 1945. This was the historic day when 97 very green Freshmen made their entrance into the long-hoped-for Freshman Class. Upon sight of this advancing herd, Miss Juliet White immediately grabbed 49 in hopes of pounding some knowledge into their thick skulls. Mrs. Malcolm Farmer was at the same time herding the other 48 into her corral. We each grabbed desks and sat gazing blankly at the schedule cards before us.

After a few struggling weeks of getting adjusted, we felt intelligent enough to select a few from our midst to carry on our negotiations. After many nominations, movements, debates, and barely missing a fist fight or two, we emerged from all this turmoil with the following officers; in Mrs. Farmer's homeroom: Maynard Ferguson, president; Betty Batterman, vice-president; Nell Lewis, secretary; Carolyn Barker, treasurer; Marjorie Covington, song leader; Reginald Clark and Wallace Compton, S. C. A. Representatives. And these from Miss White's room: Leon Bailey, president; Gladys Moore, vice-president; Edward Morris, secretary-treasurer; Donna Davis and Betty Simmons, song-leaders; Betty Simmons and William Clark, S. C. A. Representatives.

With these "lords and masters" we finished our freshman year with a slight distaste for the hard-hearted Seniors who had cruelly initiated us at the beginning of the year.

On September 5, 1946, eighty-six shiny sophomores piled into the first available room and gazed into the smiling face of Mrs. Malcolm Farmer, who managed to survive the hectic freshman year. There being 86 of us, we were doubled up with two in each seat, and the rest hanging from the windows. From these intelligent Sophomores we selected the following officers: Frank Shelton, president; Nancy Brandon, vice-president; Reba Bennett, secretary; Maynard Ferguson, treasurer; Donna Davis, song leader; Wallace Compton and Marjorie Covington, S. C. A. Representatives. Of this class, 71 are still climbing the ladder of knowledge and with Mrs. Farmer to urge us on, it'll not be so difficult to reach the top.

THIS THING CALLED MAN

Man is a fickle-minded freak;
His body's strong, his mind is weak.
His mind is "weak"; "Weak" did I say?
I'll say it is; why every day,
On seeing a girl; be he young or old,
His blood rushes up, altho' 'tis cold,
His mouth puckers up; a whistle he gives;
He'll keep doing this as long as he lives.
He's a wolf; you'll admit that this is true,
But if there weren't any men, then what would girls do?

Rebecca Cumby, '48

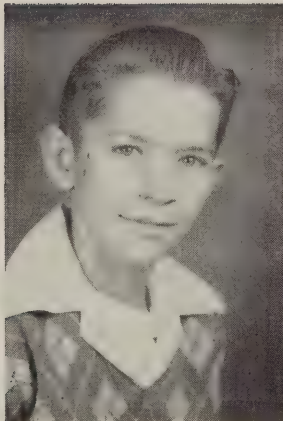
THE BEST GIFT

'Tis Love that makes the world turn,
'Tis Love that makes us glow;
Of all the world's possessions,
Love is the best I know.
The birds, the flowers, all we love,
Our homes, our friends so dear;
But Thee, O Lord, we love the most,
Each hour, each day, each year.

Mary Smith, '47



FRESHMEN



Lacy Compton
President



Bobbie Wiles
Vice-President



Sallie Milam
Secretary



Ramona Wiles
Treasurer





Claire Adams, Margaret Angle, Gaynelle Barker, Brantley Batterman, Bobby Bennett, Virginia Bigger.

Erma Brown, Vernell Cassada, Delores Clark, William Clark, Jane Collie, Betty Jane Compton.

Eldridge Compton, Lacy Compton, Patty Cox, Avery Dalton, Lewis Daniel, Dewey Deboe. Gerald Dodson, Melvin Dodd, Dempsey East, Richard Evans, Thelma Ferguson, Virginia Fowler.

Arlene Gilbert, Marian Gilbert, Ray Gosney, Kathryn Green, Dorothy Grubbs, Monroe Guill.

Jay Hall, Betty Harris, Frances Haymes, Dorothy Henderson, Gordon Hill, Thelma Hughes.



Barbara Jeffries, Jimmy Kent, Mae Lynch, Elsie Mayhew, Catherine McNichols, Jimmie McNichols.

Louise Meadows, Robert Miller, Sallie Milam, Billie Moshenek, Nancy Moss, Curtis Murphy.

Jean Norton, Katherine Oakes, Elizabeth Paul, Inez Pierce, Pete Russell, Melvin Salmon.

Bobby Scarce, Elsie Slayton, Joyce Slayton, Walter Slayton, Peggy Smith, Gracie Staton.

Barbara Talboard, Roger Tate, Roy Tate, Toy Tate, Ethel Vaden, Bobby Wiles.

Remona Wiles, Donald Wilkerson, Billy Wilson.

Missing Pictures: Harold Alderson, Elton Stroud.



Freshman Class History

On the eventful day of September 7th, 1946, Dan River High School opened her doors to a new Freshman class. Since there were seventy-one of us wandering about, we were divided into two groups, with Miss Florence Ferguson and Miss Louise Bennett as our sponsors.

The first few days of our high school career were spent in getting acquainted and working out our schedule. Then the day came around as it does in all Freshman classes—Initiation Day. The dear old Seniors thought they were fixing us up proper. The girls were to wear men's shirts, ties and hats, and of all things! no make-up! no combing of hair! and no jewelry! The boys had the pleasure of parting their hair in the middle and applying make-up and jewelry. Both the boys and girls had the pleasure of carrying their books in a bag. After the events of the initiation program, we returned to our room greatly relieved, and then settled back to our regular routine. By this time we had all become accustomed to the school and walked around as if we were dignified Seniors instead of bashful Freshmen.

Then the time arrived for us to choose our class officers. They are: Lacy Compton, president; Bobby Wiles, vice-president; Sallie Milam, secretary; Remona Wiles, treasurer; Virginia Bigger, reporter.

But we're not as dumb as some think we are for three of our boys made the basketball squad, Richard Evans, Roy Tate and Brantley Batterman, and have played in several games. While mid-term exams stared us in the face we were unafraid, and many were fortunate enough to be exempted. From here on out, Dan River will hear much from the Class of 1950.

BIOLOGY

I go to class every day,
Just to hear the teacher say,
"Be Quiet" "Stop Talking" "Turn Around",
He keeps on until there's not a sound,
We study about animals, plants and stuff like that
And what makes us skinny and what makes us fat,
We study about vitamins, and how they make us grow,
Until the bell rings and it's time to go.

Adelle Roberts, '47.

SCHOOL DREAMS

The school of my dreams is going to be,
A school that does everything just for me.
It will take in at ten every day,
And the teachers will do just what I say;
I'll get "A's" and "B's" and "C's" each day,
With a yearly average of, oh! an "A".
No studying at all, no work to do,
—My girl friend will go to this school, too.
I'll have my own bus to carry me home,
The driver will buy me an ice cream cone.
For dinner I'll have ice cream and pie,
If meals are bad, the cook will die.
There'll be a movie in every class,
Just to see something and let time pass.
English, History and even Spanish,
And all other subjects will completely vanish.
No more books to read, and nothing to learn,
I'll pile up my books, and watch them burn;
To dream, I'm sure that there's no harm,
But the teacher wakes me by shaking my arm!

Roy S. Maitland, '48 (we hope!)



ACTIVITIES





First Row: Betty Dodson, Clara Tate, Lois Woodson, Adelle Roberts, Ruth Milam, Nancy Bennett, Mary Ann Milam.

Second Row: Reba Slayton, Rachel Barker, Ruby Hall, Carolyn Evans, Eleanor Gosney, Peggy Dalton, Georgia Moore, Beatrice Kidd, Eunice Motley, Mildred Eaton, Delma Chaney.

Third Row: Lillie Tanksley, Eunice Clardy, Irene Moore, Josephine Hankins, Edith Doolin, Earlene Dance, Pauline Dalton, Mildred Hughes, Garland Meadows, Frances Ingram, Miss Maria Richardson.

Fourth Row: Margie Rowland, Nancy Walton, Louise Wiles, Goldie Haley, Elsie Barber, Faye Walton, Patsy Gravely, Lorena Lindsey, Nell Hammock, Bonnie McNichols, Ruth Slaughter.

Future Home Makers' Club

The Future Home Makers' Club is an organization composed of all girls in high school enrolled in the Home Economics classes. Three years of Home Economics is offered to those girls particularly interested in the work. One year is required by all girls entering high school.

In our Home Economics Classes, girls may choose units covering phases of work which will meet their needs in the future and which will help them to become better wives and mothers. Work is done in food preparation, and meal service, home canning and storage of foods, home nursing and care of the sick, child care, preparation for marriage, house planning and home beautification, clothing construction, budgeting and money management, fancy needlework, crocheting and knitting, personal appearance and personality development.



First Row: Dorothy Grubbs, Inez Pierce, Mabel Saunders, Evelyn Wells, Lorraine Marshall.

Second Row: Beatrice Kidd, Hazel Wilkinson, Nell Lewis, Carolyn Barker, Louise Meadows, Elizabeth Paul, Billy Kendrick, Polly Jones, Juanita Wilkerson, Doris Bennett, Betty Batterman.

Third Row: Nellie Belcher, Doris Rowland, Rebecca East, Charlotte Jones, Estelle Hankins, Lois Moore, Edith Hammock, Mae Ingram, Elsie Lewis, Rosa Mae Farmer, Clair Adams, Miss Maria Richardson.

Fourth Row: Katherine Oakes, Marion Guill, Dorothy Hill, Pauline Davis, Eunice Henderson, Louise Hughes, Nancy High, Betty Simmons, Donna Davis, Yvonne Vaden, Helen Weatherford, Jacqueline Aaron, Shirley Wyrick.

Future Home Makers' Club

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At the same time these units are studied at school similar work is done at home in the form of home projects. These home projects are planned and carefully supervised by the mother and Home Economics Teacher. Records are kept which show the progress made.

Our Home Economics Classes meet in a small cottage which is furnished to represent a typical home. Year after year, as money is available, improvements are made in the cottage. During the current year we have changed the shrubbery, painted the exterior and have made new living room curtains and drapes.

As yet our Club has set no time for its meetings, but does most of its work during classes, under the advisor, Miss Maria Richardson.



Front Row, left to right: Jay Hall, Brantley Batterman, Billy Murphy, Edward Morris, Donald Wilkerson, Lacy Compton.

Second Row: Juanita Wilkerson, Marjorie Covington, Sallie Milam, Gertrude Booth, Mary Ann Milam, Georgia Moore, Ruth Milam, Eldridge Compton, Barbara Shields, Rachel Barker, Reba Bennett.

Third Row: Billy Moshenek, Calvin Neal, Martin Ingram, Howard Haymes, Cody Chaney, Bobby Bennett, John Bennett, Wendell Williams, Foster Kidd, Ray Hall, Beatrice Kidd, Mrs. R. E. Bennett, Miss Helen Griffin, Mrs. W. A. Barker.

Fourth Row: Ethel Vaden, Claire Adams, Rosa Mae Farmer, Melba Thornton, Barbara Jefferies, Shirley Davis, Carolyn Barker, Betty Compton, Patty Cox, Nancy High, Doris Bennett, Betty Batterman.

Senior 4-H Club

The club won first prize on the Danville Fair Booth in 1945 and second prize in 1946, as they have done in other previous years. Doris Bennett has won the county prize for gardening and canning for the past two years, also winning the state prize for gardening in 1946. Doris and Reba Bennett attended the District 4-H Honor Club Camp. Stewart Thompson edited the "*Dan River News-Letter*" sponsored by the club during 1945-46.

The Senior Club officers for this year are: Reba Bennett, *president*; Doris Bennett, *vice-president*; Barbara Shields, *secretary*; Betty Batterman, *reporter*, and Juanita Wilkerson, *song leader*. The leaders are: Miss Helen Griffin, County Instructor; Mrs. R. E. Bennett, and Mrs. W. A. Barker, local leaders.



Front Row, left to right: Ryland Bennett, Ronnie Collie, Carroll Tate, Harry Moore, Leon Compton, Harry Milam, Neal Dodson, Gene Morris, Eldridge Eaton, James Moore.

Second Row: Cooper Dalton, Betsy Hardy, Claudette Jones, Ethel Mays, Shirley Barker, Mary Jo Milam, Ruth Shelton, Phyllis Jane Stough, Frances Moore, Elaine Griffin, Bobby Gibson, Billy Hall, Elbert Peak, Donald Wiles.

Third Row: Miss Helen Griffin, Otis Gibson, Judith Shields, Jean Walker, Margaret Belcher, Billy Bennett, Franklin Dalton, Tommy Thornton, Freddie Blankenship, Leon Farthing, Malcolm Kidd, Garland Barbour, Herbert Blankenship, Mrs. W. A. Barker.

Fourth Row: Mrs. R. E. Bennett, Peggy Batterman, Betty Dickerson, Peggy Bobbitt, Mildred Boyd, Aileen Moore, Madge Gleaton, Faye Jefferies, Glenna Orrell, Patsy Jones, Mary Jane Echols, Dorothy Rodgers, Vergia Loftis.

Junior 4-H Club

The Junior 4-H Club won five dollars at the County Achievement Day in Chatham for having the most complete records according to membership, our Club being the largest in the county. Aubrey Walker won the rat-killing County Contest for the years 1945-46. Seven boys and girls went to the 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake during the summer of 1946. Phyllis Jane Stough had the best home-made sewing box for the year.

The Junior Club members for the current year are: Herbert Blankenship, *president*; Leon Compton, *vice-president*; Aileen Moore, *secretary*; Peggy Batterman and Peggy Bobbitt, *song leaders*. Miss Helen Griffin is the County Instructor, and Mrs. R. E. Bennett and Mrs. W. A. Barker, the local leaders.



Front Row: Rachel Barker, Mamie Dickerson, Everett Daniel, Rebecca Cumby, Dorothy Burgess, Ruth Hawker, Clara Tate, Lois Woodson.

Second Row: Billy Shelton, Roy Maitland, Leroy Lewis, Nancy Hodnett, Jack Blankenship, Carolyn Evans, Dorothy Orrell, Edith Doolin, Nell Hammock, Wade Alderson.

Third Row: Delma Chaney, Calvin Neal, C. T. Turner, Clyde Tate, Howard Haymes, Irvin Puckett, Gene Thompson, Audrey Walker, Margaret Owen, Agnes Dodd, Mr. Stough.

Fourth Row: Harry Rodden, Gertrude Booth, Nancy Bennett, Mary Smith, Billy Conner, Jerrine Brown, Bonnie McNichols, Mildred Eaton, Garland Meadows, Shirley Davis.

Spanish Club

On December 18, 1946, the Spanish Club was organized to cultivate a keener insight into the Spanish language by a more thorough study of the Spanish customs, plays and festivals. These interested students held the following offices: Carolyn Evans, *president*; Jack Blankenship, *vice-president*; Dorothy Orrell, *secretary*; Nancy Hodnett, *treasurer*, and Mr. Stough, our "Maestro" was the *sponsor*.

A colorful "carpas" was enjoyed by the club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stough on March 11th, 1947, where Spanish customs, games and songs were presented. The color scheme was carried out in the gaiety of the Spanish customs with many colored streamers and balloons. A miniature arena with Spanish dolls, toreadors and bulls decorated the table. Refreshments consisted of tempting Spanish dishes. Mrs. Clifford Angel, a former "profesora" at Dan River was the guest of honor and delighted the members with her "lectura" on the many interesting sights of old Mexico.

A fiesta is being planned to be held in the Spring, at the amphitheatre, with dances, songs and other festivities to be highlighted there.



Future Farmers of America

The Future Farmers of America really got its start in 1917 under the National Vocational Education Act. Between 1923-28 more than 25 per cent of the states had formed organizations. Virginia, under the leadership of Henry C. Groseclose was at the head of this group. Groseclose organized the Future Farmers of Virginia which had excellent ideals, purposes and constitution. In 1928 the foundation work for the F. F. A. was finally completed. The entire country had adopted a constitution very similar to this one formerly held by the Future Farmers of Virginia. In 1928 the first National Convention was held.

The Dan River Chapter was first formed under the old F. F. V. and has enjoyed many successful years in agricultural work. During the school year 1945-46 under the leadership of Mr. C. E. Angel the chapter had one of its most successful years. The members operated a store to finance various chapter activities, among which was a Parent-Son Banquet at the school. This was the first time that the boys' mothers were invited. The Chapter entered the Degree Team Contest and lost by one-third of a point. The Chapter also entered the Track Meet, public speaking and judging contest. This year has been another good year, Howard Haymes winning the County Public Speaking Contest, on "Diversification on Southern Farms."

The officers are Harry Shelton, *president*; Clyde Tate, *vice-president*; Wendell Williams, *secretary*; John Bennett, *reporter*; Donald Barbour, *treasurer*; James Slayton, *sentinel*, and Mr. C. N. Payne, *advisor*.



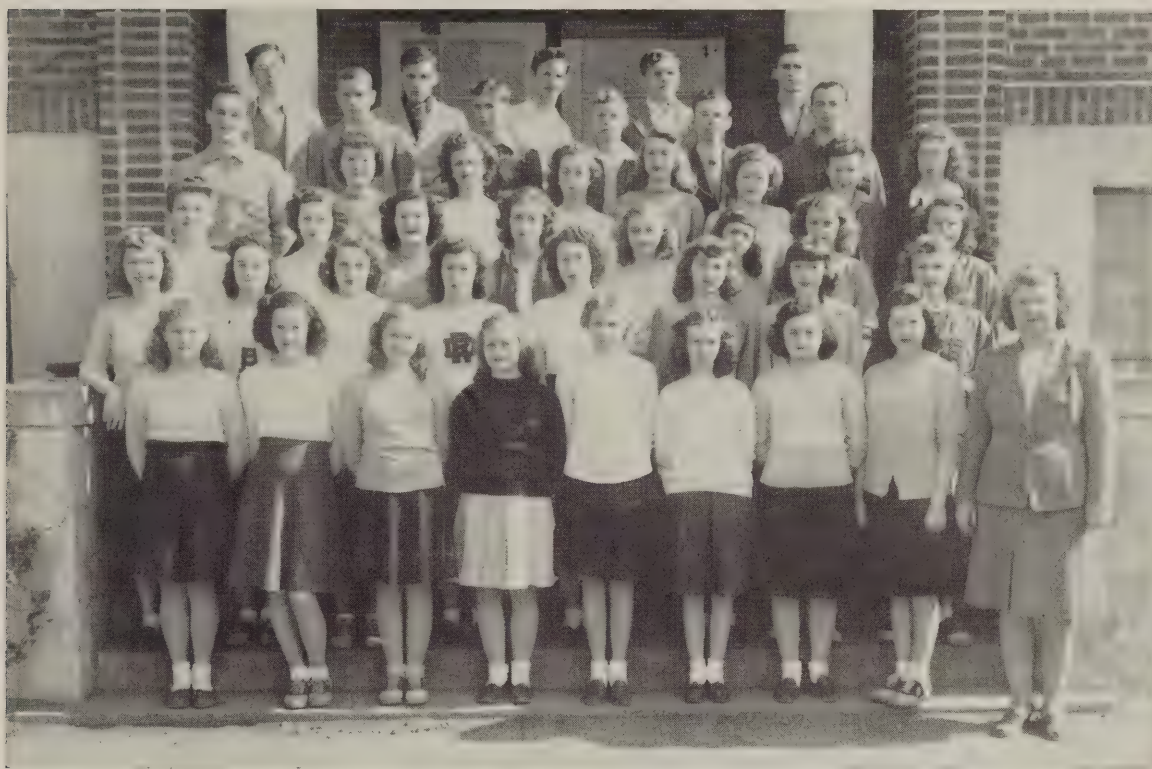
Seated, left to right: Rebecca East, secretary; Billy Motley, president; Mrs. I. M. Farmer, sponsor; Mr. J. F. White, principal; Melvin Vernon, vice-president; Sara Mylum, songleader. Standing: Marjorie Covington, pianist; Eleanor Gosney, reporter.



Student Cooperative Association

In 1940 the student body organized themselves into a Student Cooperative Association which is devoted to training for citizenship and the enrichment of the student life. This is carried out through weekly assembly programs in which the different homerooms and organizations take charge and have speakers, playlets or some other devotional, instructive and entertaining program.

The S. C. A. Council is a representative group of students in whom the responsibility of the welfare of the school is invested. Various committees, which their chairmen lead in different activities which include the Program, Jerrine Brown; Health, Carolyn Evans; Building and Ground, Charles Batterman; Auditorium, Harry Shelton; Welfare, Donald Barbour; Social and Recreation, Audrey Walker.



Glee Club

The Glee Club of Dan River High School was reorganized in February 1944 under the leadership of Mrs. Mabel Covington. Various musical activities were arranged throughout the rest of the school year after much practice and hard work on the part of all. In May during Commencement time, a novel program of songs and music was presented assisting in Class Day exercises.

The next fall an original program of favorite music for the "White Christmas" was presented as we brought our gifts to help the less fortunate. The next month a recital of selections by students was presented to a large crowd. The May Day Festival included music by individuals and the entire club, and on Commencement Day the Glee Club brought the special music which made the program most acceptable.

This year, as most of the former members returned, and some male voices were added, the Glee Club has been able to extend its range and repertoire. An Assembly program was presented on March 19 which showed the Club's ability. Later the Club entered the Spring Festival which was held at Chatham. At the end of this school year, the Glee Club will assist in the graduation of the largest Senior Class in the County, which is here at Dan River.



Standing, left to right: Lois Moore, Ruth Milam, vice-president; Edith Doolin, Nancy Walton, Carolyn Barker, president; Lillie Tanksley, Faye Walton.

Seated: Frances Ingram, Miss Bonnie Jean Alderson, librarian and sponsor; Frances Allen, reporter.

Library Club

The Library Club members serve as assistants to the Librarian by sitting at the desk, checking books in and out, assisting in research, registering and preparing new orders for circulation, generally aiding and encouraging new knowledge, and saying "Quiet, please" and "Please don't all try to read the funny scripts at the same time."

During the six scheduled periods of the day, from the study halls come those students in need of reference, to choose a new book for literature, to read or turn through the pages of a new magazine and last, but not least, to see what his favorite comic is doing.

The members of the Library Club are always glad to help those and to do any work toward the improvement of the school library.



Left to Right: Eunice Motley,, Lois Walters, Sara Mylum, Polly Jones, Maynard Ferguson, Polly Morris, Charles Batterman, Joy Turner, Eleanor Gosney.

Seated: Mr. White, principal.

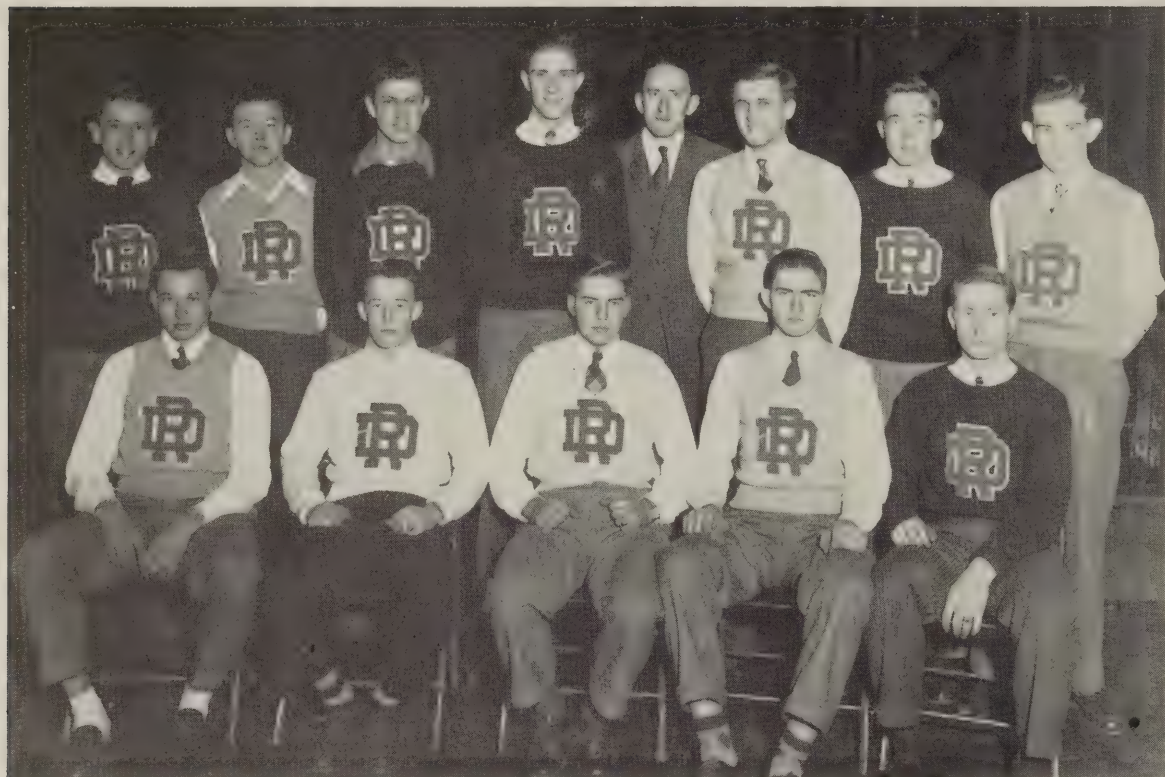
Office Workers

We, as new office workers, and Mr. White, were happy to have a new office to start working in, and after learning office work, we started.

Before school, whom do we see bringing mail and packages? Wait until we remove the top package so that we can see his face. "Well, good morning, Charles, any mail for me?" During first period, Eleanor can be seen with a money box, book of figures, and Maynard watching for mistakes. Classes change—who are these girls in the office? Polly and Eunice can't decide whose day it is to sit at the desk. Before a cat can wink, everything is settled and both girls are smiling.

Next period we find Lois, better known as "Red", taking charge. "Wait, Red, leave the whippings to Mr. White, even though you are big enough to do it." Someone is racing up the office steps. Yes, Polly is always in a hurry. Joy also keeps the office this period. Frank-ly she must have a lot of business to transact as the office is always full of boys.

Fifth period: we see Sara enter. "What's the big smile about? Expecting another phone call?" Last, but not least, Mr. White is the one who always has a kind word and a smile for everyone. All of us office workers have enjoyed every minute spent with him and wish him the best of everything in the years to come.



Seated, left to right: Billy Motley, Thomas Guill, vice-president; Clyde Tate, president; Donald Barbour, secretary-treasurer; Charles Batterman.

Standing: Wallace Compton, James Slayton, Frank Shelton, Charles Layne, Mr. White, Everett Clark, Jr., Gaston Gleaton, Billy Gravett.

The Varsity Club

The Dan River Varsity Club was organized in February 1945, after a suggestion by our principal and coach, Mr. J. F. White. Everett Clark, Jr. was elected our first president, Jimmy Motley, vice-president and Claude Rowland, Jr., secretary-treasurer. Mr. White served as advisor. Claude Rowland, Jimmy Motley and Charles Batterman were elected to draw up a constitution which has proved so successful that it has never been changed since its adoption. There were ten other charter members who had won the right to become such by their participation in school games.

On the first page of the constitution was made the following dedication—"To the former athletes of this school, we, the members of the Varsity Club dedicate this constitution in the hope that we may some day be as good as they were." Further on is written—"We, the letter men of Dan River High School, feeling the need of some organization for the promotion of our own welfare and purposes, do hereby organize this Varsity Club on February 4th, 1945. We feel honored upon having the privilege of being the charter members of this club and we expect all members to uphold the ideals and laws set forth by this constitution."

All boys, who have won letters since we organized, have been taken into our club and have upheld the high ideals for which good sportsmanship and clean athletics seek to promote.



Standing, left to right: Sara Mylum, Joy Turner, treasurer; Lois Walters, Mrs. Aubria Farmer, advisor; Shirley Davis, Ruby Hall.

Seated: Polly Morris, reporter; Carolyn Evans, Eleanor Gosney.

Letter Club

The Letter Club of Dan River High School was organized under the direction of Mrs. Aubria Farmer in 1946, with eight charter members, for the purpose of getting more students interested in sports and other activities of the school. Through various means we have raised money for these purposes.

Basketball has been our main feature for the past few years, but we are planning to have organized by the end of this school year, other types of sports in which the girls of our school might participate.

The Club elected the following officers for this year: Mrs. Aubria Farmer, *Advisor*; Polly Morris, *Reporter*, and Joy Turner, *Treasurer*.



The present members of the club helped to win the County Championship, Girls' Basketball, in 1945-46 and 1946-47.



"A Little Nonsense, Now and Than Is Relished by the Best of Men"

Stub, "I hear you are an artist. Do you etch?"
Martin, "Only when I have my long underwear on."

Mrs. Farmer, "The people in Alaska use fish for money."

C. T. Turner, "What advantage is that?"

Mrs. Farmer, "They smell like they have money, whether they do or not."

Pete Hall, "Sure, this bird sings all right, but I tell you he is lame, and I want a refund."

Dealer, "Listen, mister, you told me that you wanted a singer. You didn't tell me that you wanted him to dance."

Speaker in Assembly Program, "Is Boo in the crowd?"

Voice, "Boo Who?"

Speaker, "What are you crying about?"

Mr. Chandler, "You call that a hat you're wearing? It's a joke! I shall never stop laughing."

Mrs. Chandler, "O yes you will. The bill will arrive tomorrow."

The teacher asked Wendell Williams to write a business letter. He wrote—

My dear sir:

I received nothing from you because I asked for nothing. Therefore I have nothing to thank you for, which is the reason I am writing you this letter to tell you no thanks. Sincerely yours,
Wendell Williams.

Chas. B., "Say, Bill, how did you get that swelling on your nose?"

Bill M., "O, I bent down to smell a brose."

Chas. B., "Not brose, Bill, rose. There's no 'B' in rose."

Bill M., "There was in this one."

Mr. White, giving a talk on safety, "I have had my car for eight years and never had a wreck."

Wallace Compton, "Pardon me, but you have had a wreck for eight years and no car."

Mrs.—"Wake up! I know I heard a mouse squeaking."

Mr. Barker—"All right, now, dear, just go to sleep. I'll oil it the first thing in the morning."

Agnes D., "How can you tell those horses apart?"

Mamie D., "That's easy. I measured them and the black horse is five inches higher than the white one."

John B., "Mother wants a pound of floor wax."
Merchant, "I'm sorry, all we have is sealing wax."

John B., "Don't be silly. Who'd want to wax a ceiling?"

Mr. Barker, "What's the formula for water?"

Gaston, "H₂O."

Mr. Barker, "Right! What's the formula for sea water?"

Gaston, "C H₂O."

Miss Bennett, "William, can you tell me where the Red Sea is?"

Duck, "Yes, ma'am, it's on the third line of my report card."

Nancy, "Now that we're engaged, you'll give me a ring, won't you?"

Leroy, "Certainly, dear. What's your phone number?"

Aubrey W., "I wonder why a battleship is called 'she'?"

Aubrey S., "I suppose it's because it costs so much to keep her in paint and powder."

Ruby M., "Milton was a blind poet who wrote, 'Paradise Lost.' After his wife died he wrote, 'Paradise Regained.'"

Howard, "Cody, did you hear the thunder last night?"

Cody, "No! Did it really thunder?"

Howard, "It sure did."

Cody, "Why the deuce, then, didn't you wake me up? You know I can't sleep when it thunders."

Science Department: Shirley Davis has discovered that the best way to catch a rat is to eat cheese, and then breath down a rat hole. The rat will run out, into your mouth.

Mr. Barker, "These chemicals, if dropped, would blow up the whole school."

Junior B., "Quick, Landon, scare him."

Jack B., "I'll bet you a nickel that I can kiss you without touching you."

Carolyn, "All right, I'll bet you."

Jack kisses her several times.

Carolyn, "But you touched me."

Jack, "Here's your nickel."

Mr. Payne, "Boys, I have lived here all my life. In this state there are over 100 jails. I'm proud to say that I have never been in one of them."

Baxter, "Which one is that?"

Frances, "Are all the teachers bookworms?"

Jerrine, "No. Geometry teachers aren't."

Frances, "How's that?"

Jerrine, "They're angle worms."

Mr. Barber, calling down the stairs, "Elsie, doesn't that young man know how to say 'good-night'?"

Elsie, "Oh, Daddy, I'll say he does."

Mr. Barker, "Gaston, give me a definition of density."

Gleaton (silence).

Mr. Barker, "I said a definition, not an illustration."

POEM by Leon Bailey.

What's the use of learning

An ancient history date,

When I can make a modern one

At a quarter after eight?

Mrs. Chandler (after writing L X X on the blackboard), "What does that mean?"

Lorena, "Love and kisses."

Junior, "Are you going to be home this evening?"

Mary S., "Why, yes!"

Junior, "Well, that's fine. You'll get a good night's rest for once."



ATHLETICS





Standing, left to right: Charles Layne, Clyde Tate, Charles Batterman, Mr. J. F. White, coach; Donald Barbour, James Slayton, Roy Tate, Frank Shelton, manager.

Seated: Dick Evans, Thomas Guill, Everett Clark, Co-Captain; Gaston Gleaton, Co-Captain; Billy Motley, Billy Gravett.

Boy's Basketball

The basketball season of 1946-47 at Dan River High School witnessed one of the lightest but fastest cage teams ever to wear the Blue and White. Winning 11 of the 17 games played is a good record for any team, considering the size of players that made up the opposing teams.

Some of the highlights of the season were the scheduled games with Gretna and Chatham. After nip-and-tuck battles the Blue and White colors were raised as the whistle brought victory to the Wild Cats.

Added to our ranks as Co-Captains are Gaston Gleaton, a Georgia cracker from Arlington, Georgia, and Everett Clark, Jr., who served in the occupational forces in Germany.

Coach White, who has been with the team for four years, has raised athletics at Dan River to the present high standard, and our team is prepared to meet all comers. With his ability to develop teams, this standard of athletics is bound to be raised even higher in the future.



Seated, left to right: Eleanor Gosney, Ruby Hall, Lois Walter, Co-Captain; Sara Mylum, Co-Captain; Joy Turner, Carolyn Evans.

Standing: Shirley Wyrick, Martha Gleaton, Ivaline Bowman, Mrs. Farmer, Coach; Shirley Davis, Polly Morris, Marian Guill.

Girl's Basketball

In 1945-46, Basketball, the County's favorite sport, found the Dan River Girls' Team well prepared for a strenuous schedule, and after playing the full schedule and the tournament at Gretna High, the Blue and White were declared County Champions, and received the much-coveted "Trophy" before a vast audience from the nine county schools. On this occasion, Sara Mylum and Lois Walters were placed on the mythical "All-Star Team" for their brilliant performance and outstanding ability.

This season 1946-47, the Champions started out again in fine form, winning all of the scheduled games, and heading into the tournament as the favorites, in view of their victory over Renan, the chief contender. The Blue and White have never lacked the fighting spirit, as well as the co-ordination and team-work which has been developed by playing together for several years. On the squad are eight Seniors, two Juniors and two Sophomores, and they all play together as a unit. Sara, Joy, Carolyn and Shirley are contending for top scoring honors, while the guards are capable of stopping the opponents as they try to score.



Basketball 1947

Basketball was rightly given a prominent place in our school activities because of the excellence of the teams which competed in both Boys' and Girls' games, and which brought to Dan River an enviable reputation, not only for games won, but for splendid sportsmanship and strenuous competition. During the year the Gym's seating capacity was greatly increased with the erection of permanent bleachers seating over 500, space for more temporary bleachers, and a new electric scoreboard which was donated to the school by the Senior Class of 1947.

The Boys' Team played 27 games, winning 15 and losing 12. Of these there were some County and District games, and the final standing in the County was 5 won and 3 lost; in the District competition there were 4 lost and 4 won. Of the 12 extra games 7 were won and 5 lost. The Dan River Team scored a total of 834 points against their Opponents' 669, "Guinea" Clark being the high scorer with 115 points. Gleaton followed with 82, then Batterman with 62, Barbour with 42, Clyde Tate 37 and Guill 26.

The County Tournament was held at Dan River this year, and after upsets and hard struggles, Schoolfield was declared the winner. In their first game, the Dan River Team defeated Climax 36 to 22. The next game was one of the most thrilling ever seen in the Gym. At the end of the game Dan River and Chatham were tied, 36 to 36. At the end of the first overtime period the score was still tied, 37 to 37. During the next "sudden death" period, Chatham sunk a field goal to win the game and defeat the team of fighting "Wildcats". On the County All-Star Team, Junior Clark was chosen Forward, and Gaston Gleaton made the All-Star Second Team. Guill and Tate received honorable mention.

The Girls' Basketball Team completed the best year of any team in Dan River history, winning the County, District and State Class B Championship! Going through the County and District Season, they won all their games, amassing a total of 560 points against their Opponents' 204. They also played games with other non-conference teams winning all but one, and totaling 195 points to their Opponents' 111. The teamwork, precision shooting of baskets, and tight guarding has made this an ideal team. The forwards of Mylum, Turner, Evans and Morris, and guards of Walters, Hall, Davis and Gosney made an unbeatable combination when it was necessary to win.

Being invited to the District Tournament at Lynchburg, Dan River defeated Bedford and Gretna handily to win the title and a beautiful trophy. Entering the County Tournament at Dan River, the sextet romped over Brosville 51-12; vanquished Spring Garden, 28-20, and in a thrilling climatic game defeated Renan, 35-30. Each of the members of the team was presented a silver basketball, and the team was presented a trophy cup. On the County All-Star Team, Sara Mylum, Lois Walters and Ruby Hall were chosen, with Joy Turner and Carolyn Evans making the Second Team, and Eleanor Gosney and Shirley Davis being mentioned.

Receiving an invitation to attend the Class B Tournament being held at Schoolfield, the team realized that they were up against other District and County Champions. However, they defeated Farmville 40 to 25 in the opener, outscored the Henrico County Champions of Varina by 35-22, and met the tournament-favorites, the Radford High team, in the Semi-finals, defeating them 28 to 19. In the finals they met and conquered the Blue Ridge Champions 26 to 16, thus closing one of the most brilliant seasons seen here or anywhere else. Sara Mylum, Joy Turner, and Lois Walters were chosen on the All-State Team, the highest possible honors for high school players.

During the entire season the Team played 29 games, winning all but one, totaling 1030 points against their Opponents' 486. Evans led with 288 points, Mylum and Turner tied next with 231 points, and Davis accumulated 216, before being switched to guard where she was invaluable in stopping the other teams. Graduation will remove this remarkable team from the school, but their record will remain unrivalled and supreme for many long years to come.



Baseball

With a schedule facing the best teams in Pittsylvania County, the 1945 Dan River High School baseball Team set the pace with an excellent record of winning twelve consecutive games, with co-captains Everett Clark, Jr. and Paul Moschler, who were excellent leaders.

Following close on the previous record, last year Coach White placed one of the fastest teams in the history of the school out in front, winning twelve games and losing two in the 1946 season. The play-off was battered out between Dan River and Spring Garden, with the chain of victories broken as Dan River bowed in defeat. Nelson Tate and Clyde Tate were co-captains during this season.

Through graduation we lost "Nap" Tate and Jimmy Motley, but the Army returned Everett ("Guinea") Clark, Jr. Although some doubt that prophets have ceased to exist, we prophesy that the Baseball Team this Spring of 1947 will be superior to any produced here in recent years, and will win the championship. Coach White's ability and popularity leave no doubt as to why we dare to make this statement.





Follow The Gleam

(First Prize, ARCHWAY Short Story Contest)

Joan Randolph didn't know what to do or where to turn. It seemed that everyone was angry and irritated at her. She didn't think that just because she went to that road-house last night that everyone should feel this way. After all, didn't a seventeen-year-old-girl have the right to some excitement and fun without everyone getting so huffed up about it? Oh, well, she might as well go on into the house and meet her hurt and angry parents. Her mother and father had said that she should never do such a thing again; and Edith, who always seemed to do everything right, added a note of bewilderment to Joan's mind.

As she came upon the porch swinging her books, Joan noted with a half-cross expression that Johnny Greenwood was in the living room talking earnestly to her father. When she entered he sent her a fleeting smile and continued to talk on what Joan considered a very boring subject. She just couldn't stand that boy. Maybe it was because Jim Lane seemed so exciting and glamorous with his smart looks and sleek shiny cars, compared to Johnny's dark curls and his father's old Ford. Anyway he seemed to always be protecting her from what he called "too-wild" a crowd.

She wished he wouldn't try to get her to attend church. After all, didn't he know that a girl had to have her sleep on Sunday morning after a Saturday night date? Oh, no, he would not understand since he was always in by eleven o'clock. Suddenly she heard her father's angry voice and realized that he was telling Johnny of her recent experience. Then there was a very humble voice pleading with him to understand and to give her another chance.

Joan didn't know that Johnny was so concerned that he would stand up for her like this, and now, she felt like being kind to him for the first time since he had come to live next door.

When she arrived at school the next day, Joan felt like a heavy burden had been lifted from her shoulders for her father and mother had told her that all was forgiven. Even Edith slipped an arm about her waist,

saying that she knew that Joan had only meant to be having a nice time and had mixed with the wrong company. Joan greeted her friends happily and recited eagerly in her classes. After school Jim asked to let him carry her books. Joan agreed because she was always flattered with his attentions since every girl in Exeter High was practically swooning over him and was declaring that they dreamed of him every night.

Walking along with him now, she felt a little tug of regret as Jim asked her for a date that night. He was going to get his Dad's new car and he knew that they would have a grand time. It all sounded like fun but she remembered that it was Friday night, and she had a date with Johnny. This was their night to go to church and he had charge of the service. After the meeting she knew that they would walk to the soda fountain and chat with Johnny's gang until time to go home. Then in her room she would sit and wish to be with Jim and his crowd down at Glen's Jive Center. Why couldn't she break her date with Johnny just once? He would understand, and she would faithfully promise to help him with his plans for a children's picnic at the church on Saturday.

Giving Jim the promise that she would go, she trudged wearily up the steps to her room where she proceeded to do her homework. Why do parents have to be so silly as to require her to do homework before she went out? Didn't they know that a girl wanted to brush her hair until it shone, and to call her friends to tell them whom she was dating that night?

After taking a refreshing shower she dressed in the new wool dress that mother had bought for her as a birthday present. Combing her hair, Joan noticed for the first time that she was really attractive with her thick cloud of blonde hair falling in curls to her shoulders and the dress that made her eyes look like blue sapphires.

Jim came in the big car and wouldn't tell Joan where he was going to take her. He drove to what Joan thought was a new res-



taurant and insisted that she should go in and hear the hot swing band, but Joan soon regretted this, because inside everyone was smoking and drinking. Jim ordered liquor in small glasses while Joan begged him to take her home, but he continued drinking until he was quite dizzy.

Suddenly a whistle sounded and Joan went white as she saw two policemen coming in the door, and realized that the place was being raided. She didn't know how to handle this situation, as this was so new to her. Why hadn't she gone with Johnny instead?

As if in answer to her prayer, she heard a calm, low voice whisper to her, and she felt a reassuring hand on her arm as she

was led out a back entrance. The voice and hand, she quickly discovered, belonged to Johnny.

Driving home he told her how he followed them because he didn't trust Jim. As Joan listened, she realized that going with Johnny would be fun after all. She told him that she would get up early the next morning and help him gladly with the children's picnic.

Johnny smiled and tucked her hand in his as he sent the old Ford skimming along the road. He knew that even if Joan said only one tomorrow, that she meant that all of her tomorrows would be like this, and strangely enough his name seemed to be linked like a chain in them.

—Audrey Walker, '47.

Jest in Fun

"What about that notice outside your shop that says, 'Money returned if not satisfied?'" said Billy Conner.

"Ah," replied the storekeeper, "But I am satisfied with your money."

Elton, "Railroad crossing, watch out for cars. Can you spell that without any "Rs"?
Joe Bo, "No, can you?"
Elton, "Sure, T H A T."

A man taking his first plane trip at each stopping place noticed a little red wagon arriving to supply fuel at each stop. When somebody remarked that the plane was making good time, the man added, "And the little red wagon isn't doing badly, either."

Mr. Stough, "Class, let's be quiet."
Baxter, "Can't I even blow my nose?"
Mr. Stough, "Yes, but wait until school is dismissed."

Mr. Barker, "When water is transformed into ice, what change takes place?"
Joe Arnold, "The price."

Mother, "Good heavens! What's the matter with your ear?"
Juanita, "Nothing. My boy friend had a leaky fountain pen in his vest pocket."

Miss Ferguson, dictating a sentence, "Take the cow out of this lot. What mood?"
Scott, waking up, "The cow."

Charlotte, "No, you can't hold my hand. This isn't Palm Sunday."
Layne, "No? Well, it isn't Independence Day, either."

Mr. Barker, in Biology, "Where do all the insects go in the wintertime?"
Melvin Salmon, "Search me."

"You mustn't! Stop!" she said,
When Freddie kissed her.
But he went right ahead.
"You mustn't! Stop!" she said;
And then to Freddie, the bold insister,
"You mustn't stop," she said,
When Freddie kissed her.

Billy, "Seen Leroy?"
Billy, "Sure, Nancy just went around the corner."

Miss Bennett, in Science, "If 32° is the freezing point, where is the squeezing point?"
Gordon Hill, "Two in the shade."



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